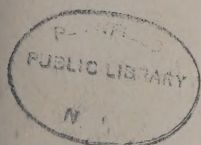


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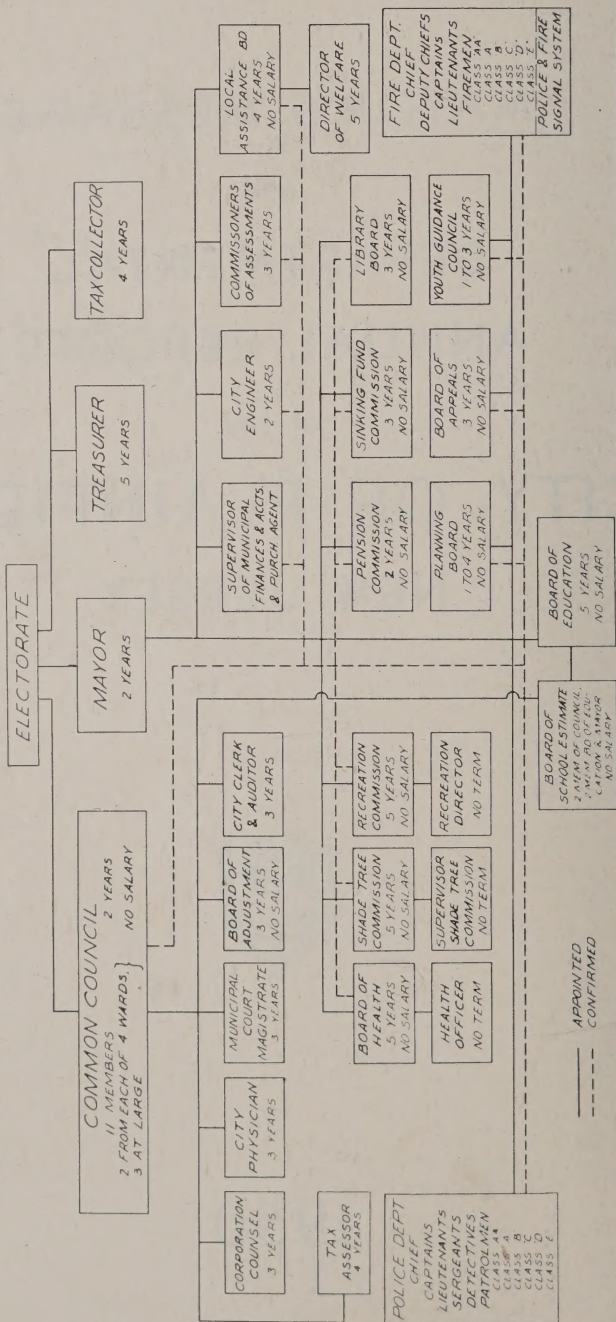
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## MAYOR

CARLYLE W. CRANE

## PRESIDENT OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

JOSEPH D'AGOSTINO

## MEMBERS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

JOHN R. TOZZI  
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NORMAN J. ABRAMS  
WILLIAM F. O'BRIEN

FIRST WARD  
SECOND WARD  
THIRD WARD  
FOURTH WARD

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WALLACE E. WEGLAU  
WILLIAM J. COULTER

WALTER L. BRADSHAW, JR. (To 4/17/50)  
JAMES T. MORAN (From 4/17/50)

## COUNCILMEN-AT-LARGE

JOHN W. HALL

JOSEPH D'AGOSTINO

WARREN J. LYNCH

## OFFICERS

City Clerk .....	FRED TOEGEL
City Treasurer .....	FRED T. JACOBS
Collector of Taxes (To 11/18/50) .....	JOHN C. DILTS
Temporary Collector of Taxes (From 11/18/50) .....	SADIE E. MUNDY
Corporation Counsel .....	SALVADOR DIANA
Assistant to the Corporation Counsel .....	EDWARD J. McDONOUGH
City Engineer .....	H. EDWIN BUSH
Municipal Court Magistrate .....	HENRY W. CLEMENT
Police Chief .....	DANIEL J. GRAY
Fire Chief (To 7/1/50) .....	PAUL P. ADAMS
Fire Chief (From 8/1/50) .....	FLORANCE F. DONOVAN
City Physician .....	WILLIS B. DAY
Director of Welfare .....	CLIFFORD H. DURANT
Health Officer .....	FRANK M. DOUGHTY
Supervisor of Municipal Finances and Accounts .....	RAYMOND J. MYZIE
Recreation Superintendent .....	ROY O. SCHLENTER
Tax Assessor .....	WILLIAM G. McDOWELL

Stenographer to the Common Council and its Committees .....	ELFERT C. BURFIEND
Municipal Court Clerk .....	JOSEPH W. NEVINS

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AUBREY C. LAMBERT	
DAVID SRAGER	

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FRANK M. DOUGHTY .....	Health Officer
SUSAN D. VAIL .....	Registrar of Vital Statistics and Principal Clerk

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 JOHN I. HARVEY ..... Vice-President  
 G. MAXWELL R. MORSE ..... Treasurer  
 CLARENCE M. CHASE, JR.  
 REV. RALPH T. HAAS  
 LAURENCE S. HEELY  
 MRS. CHARLES S. LYNCH  
 MISS MOLLY MARSH  
 MRS. MERTON L. GRISWOLD (To 6/30/50)  
 EDWARD SACHAR (From 6/30/50)  
 LUKE WHITE, JR. .... Secretary to the Board

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 JOHN P. ROMER ..... Vice-President  
 MRS. GARRET SMITH (To 8/30/50) ..... Secretary

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 JOHN M. RICHARDSON ..... Vice-President  
 JOHN W. REGAN ..... Secretary  
 J. ALFRED LeCONEY ..... Treasurer  
 JOSEPH B. McCARTNEY (5/1/50 to 10/16/50)

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 CARLYLE W. CRANE, MAYOR

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 EUGENE H. GILMAN ..... Citizen  
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 OSCAR O. KUENTZ ..... Member of the Common Council  
 CARLYLE W. CRANE ..... Mayor

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 JAMES H. KERR ..... Representing the Fire Department  
 ANDREW H. STIGLITZ ..... Citizen

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 MRS. ESTHER M. DILLARD (From 8/8/50) ..... Secretary  
 JOHN K. NEVIUS (From 2/6/50)  
 RICHARD H. SNYDER (From 8/8/50)  
 IRENE DEL BUENO (To 5/21/50)  
 WALTER E. BROWNE (To 9/1/50)  
 AARON ALLEN  
 PATRICK J. MURRAY (From 10/2/50)

## HOUSING AUTHORITY OF PLAINFIELD

(Created by ordinance 4/17/50)

PHILLIP L. WEST (Appointed by Commissioner, Department of  
 Conservation & Economic Development) ..... Chairman  
 WALDO J. KENNEDY (Appointed 6/19/50) ..... Vice-Chairman  
 CHARLES B. CLARK (Appointed 6/19/50) ..... Acting Secretary-Treasurer  
 DANIEL J. COURAIN, SR. (Appointed 6/19/50)  
 WILLIAM E. HOGAN (Appointed 6/19/50)  
 SAMUEL WEINSTEIN (Appointed 6/19/50)



## MAYOR'S ANNUAL MESSAGE

January 1, 1951

To the Honorable Members of the  
Plainfield Common Council

Gentlemen:

We enter a New Year tense with anxiety and uncertainty as to what the months ahead hold for us. Once again tyranny has broken forth in the violence of war and free men must again steel themselves to the sacrifice requisite to the maintenance of freedom. As long as we remain on the home front we owe an obligation, more solemn than in less challenging times, to see to it that representative government on the local level works more wisely and productively than ever before. We should remove from ourselves all pettiness and tendency to bicker and we should avoid all lost motion by actions not directly relevant to the task at hand. We should handle our work efficiently and with dispatch.

I would like to review with you some of last year's activities and make some suggestions as to the work ahead. All new projects should be carefully tested in the light of our country's defense efforts as they reflect locally and by your best judgment of our ability to pay the cost.

### CIVIL DEFENSE

Our Civil Defense Council has been actively planning during 1950. A training program for Police and Fire Reserve has been formulated and a Police Reserve of forty-two members is now in training. Plans have been drawn for blood-typing our entire population, our Hospital is cooperating by blood-typing all patients and arrangements are being made to begin the typing of our school children. A survey of heavy duty machinery for road clearance has been made. An emergency communication system has been devised and demonstrated; it will use the facilities of our local F.M. radio station which has given splendid cooperation. A further survey has located quarters to be used for hospitalization and sheltering our quota of evacuees in the event of large scale evacuation from New York City. Our quota is 3,747 persons. Plans have also been started to provide food and clothing for evacuees as well as a canteen service for workers. Also in the planning stage are the problems of emergency restoration of water, gas and electric supply, block warden organization, dissemination of information to the public, and integration of the Red Cross, First Aid Squad and Boy and Girl Scouts into the defense organization. We have established a liaison between the Council and our school system.

Our Defense Council has been badly handicapped by public indifference which has been reflected in the Common Council. It is now time to throw off this apathy and to settle down immediately to working out the details and completing all our plans. I call upon all our citizens to give prompt attention to the requirements and suggestions of our Defense Council and to lend full and active assistance to it as it moves forward to make ready for the disaster which we must be able to meet although we pray that it will never come.

### TRAFFIC AND PARKING

Our traffic and parking problems continue to be among the most pressing. Since the opening of our first municipal off-street parking lot in December of 1948 over 420,000 patrons have used the facility. Its usage increased 23% in 1950 over 1949. During the year past we have acquired two parcels of land in the west end of our business district to provide much needed off-street parking in that area. Plans and specifications are now being drawn for their development, and we should bring them to completion at the earliest possible date. However, their completion will by no means provide sufficient parking areas. We must push steadily ahead with the program to keep up with, and if possible, to anticipate the needs of a thriving and growing business district.

Our parking meter spaces continue in high demand. Revenue of about \$75,000 for 1950 compares favorably with that for the previous year. We



should see to it that proper servicing of the meters continues and that a constant review is made to determine the need for eliminating or adding to, or changing the time limit of our meters in specific locations.

Traffic congestion in our downtown district is becoming more acute. We have recently established a Traffic and Parking Commission designed to carry on the able work of our former Parking Committee and to plan and recommend practical steps towards solving our traffic difficulties. The new set-up will lend itself to coordination of efforts in the traffic and parking fields. With the aid of the Plainfield Area Safety Council and our Planning Board we anticipate real progress in the coming months. We ought not overlook the necessity of working closely with our neighboring municipalities as many phases of the task will arise out of and affect the entire area.

In the interest of safety consideration should be given to modernizing, synchronizing and adding to the number of our present traffic lights and to improving street lighting at certain of our intersections. Our Junior Chamber of Commerce has been keeping up a fine endeavor in sponsoring a safe-driving school; it conducted a timely and thought-provoking anti-jay-walking campaign and has spearheaded an effort which will provide us with a new Voice of Safety car to aid our traffic safety work. We have already contracted for a modernization of our street lighting in the business district.

### **POLICE, FIRE AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS**

During 1950 our Police Department was placed on a forty-hour week and we have added sufficient men to maintain the same coverage previously given. This change should result in increased efficiency and better morale and makes available a more adequate pool of manpower to call upon in emergencies. The inadequacy of the present Police Department building has been felt for sometime and new headquarters are definitely needed.

Our Fire Department has lost, through retirement, after forty-years of faithful service, its good Chief, Paul P. Adams. We have, in the months just past, made progress in improving our fire fighting force and equipment. A new supply truck and pumping engine have been provided and delivery of a new 65 foot aerial truck is expected momentarily. Working hours of the men were reduced and the new Chief will have available an additional Deputy and Captain, five more men and a clerk who will help carry out plans for a modern record and reporting system. Inspection and fire prevention work has been handicapped by lack of an up-to-date fire prevention ordinance and the training of our firemen is still handicapped by lack of proper facilities. The growth of our City in new buildings and increased traffic points to the necessity of decentralizing our fire equipment by adding new fire stations in accordance with the plan worked out by the Department and Fire Committee.

The general health of our police officers and firemen is a matter of some concern both as to its crippling effect on the Departments and as to the financial obligations of the City. We should insist that all applicants be in the best of health before being accepted for employment and periodic medical examinations would protect the City against compensation cases and enable us to look out for the health of the individual. Study should also be given to the feasibility of requiring regular conditioning exercise by the men in both departments.

It is readily apparent that one of our urgent needs is to establish a definite program for improving and developing our public buildings. This contemplates new quarters for our Police Department, the decentralization of our Fire Department, adequate offices for our Welfare Department and sufficient space to meet the future needs of all other departments. If the Common Council feels that its members cannot give the concentrated attention such a study demands, I suggest that we appoint a committee of qualified citizens to do the job for us.

### **TAXATION AND FINANCE**

Our new assessing system has been making steady progress since its installation June 1, 1948. Its modern records now have available much use-

ful information. Land values throughout the City have been analyzed and reassessed on an equitable basis. All buildings have been checked, their exteriors measured and diagrammed to scale. Many structures have been thoroughly inspected and evaluated. It is hoped that the balance will be completed this year. Addressograph equipment has been ordered and will soon be installed. It will add materially to the efficiency of the Tax Office and will also be useful to other City Departments.

The integrity, capability, sincerity and sound and conscientious work of our assessor, William G. McDowell, is beginning to be appreciated. He has been getting approval and good cooperation from the vast majority of our people and of our business and industrial interests. This will be unanimous when the others understand more fully the objectives of the new system and consider it from the broad viewpoint of the over-all public interest. Our tax burden has continued to increase to meet the demands of our people for our various municipal services. Thus it becomes increasingly important that this burden be fairly and equitably distributed by the very best assessing system we can develop.

Our total city budget for current expenditures, including debt service and school and county tax, increased in 1950 to \$4,099,763.86. I see no hope for it subsiding in 1951. I have seen no signs that our people are willing to give up any of the present services which we must pay for from our tax collections and other supplementing sources of revenue.

During the past four years Plainfield has contributed approximately 13% of the total funds spent for county roads and a good portion of our contribution has been from traffic fines. The fines paid to the county from Plainfield have averaged 23.7% of the total contributed by all municipalities, but only about 5½% of county road funds have been expended in Plainfield. The present laws with reference to the disposition of traffic fines appear to penalize the diligent municipality and I, therefore, suggest that we should renew and persist in our efforts to change the present laws so that fines collected in Plainfield may be used for the benefit of our own municipality.

As of today our outstanding bonded debt stands at \$3,379,000.—\$2,001,000. for schools and \$1,378,000. for general city purposes. We face needs in this new year which can only be met by bond issues of substantial size. Our tax collection continues to be good and our credit remains excellent. We should keep it so by exercising very sound judgment in passing on capital as well as current expenditures and by keeping constantly in mind the relationship between the two.

We have taken the initiative in forming a Taxpayers' Committee during the past year. It is hoped that it will become a means of having more of our citizens well informed on City finance. It will also serve as a sounding board to aid us in determining what our people think of the financial course we are setting.

Before leaving this subject I want to here record the passing on November 18, 1950 of a capable, beloved and faithful public servant, our tax collector, John C. Dilts.

## RECREATION, YOUTH AND EDUCATION

Our Recreation Department has completed a generally successful year in carrying out and sponsoring programs of athletics, drama, arts and crafts and supervising playground activities. Special attention should be given the leased activities at Seidler Field so that its potential will be more fully realized. The plans for the Plainfield Avenue playground and shelter house are well along and the need for such an improvement is so great that it should be completed at an early date. It is hoped that in 1951 we can take some preliminary steps to improve our Rushmore Avenue tract to make it a useable athletic field for the west end of our City.

The possibility of establishing a permanent celebration committee to handle such events as our 4th of July program will be given thought. Such a committee would have the advantage of experience and continuity.

Our Youth Guidance Council has continued its study of juvenile misbehavior and its causes and has attempted to focus the attention of our community on the need of providing proper activities for our young people.



A survey of the problem of juvenile delinquency and the attitude of community leaders toward the problem was completed and the Council arranged for the observance of Boys and Girls Week which resulted in a program rated "honorable mention" by the National Committee. As this Council gains in experience it should and will become an important aid to our young people by helping to develop for them the proper environment and activities which lead to their growth into good citizenship.

Under the leadership of our new Superintendent of Schools and our Board of Education we are planning and progressing towards the solution of the problem of providing class rooms for a growing school population. I think we are pretty well in agreement that this vital need must be met to the extent of our ability to pay. However, in our concentration on a building program we should not overlook the equal importance of a constantly improving curriculum and a teaching staff of ability and with a healthful and devoted attitude towards their undertaking. The year 1950 saw a well organized adult education program get off to a fine start and I am sure that the more than 500 participants are finding the courses both useful and enjoyable.

On a rather modest budget our Public Library is providing educational, recreational and informational facilities for our citizens of all ages. To tie the library more closely to community life an effort was made to demonstrate to groups and organizations how they could use library facilities to improve their own programs. An outstanding example of this was the fine exhibition of Polish art and culture sponsored jointly by our library and the Polish Falcons organization.

The library building has been improved by repairs, redecoration and installation of new lighting fixtures, but improved lighting is still urgently needed in the main reading room. In the year ahead it is hoped that better library service can be provided for the east end of the City. A start could be made by setting up an adequate branch in rented quarters conveniently located.

Our commission on Civil Rights began to function early in 1950. Its main objective is to eliminate discrimination through an educational program designed to reach all groups in the community. It has been able to settle some complaints at the local level; it is surveying the employment situation in our area; it plans to work with members of the clergy in developing a better understanding of the whole problem and it is planning a community-wide observance of Brotherhood Week.

## HEALTH

As our City grows in density of population we must be constantly aware of the need for an adequate public health program. Sufficient funds for the necessary personnel to carry out the work of education and inspection ought to be provided. Our Health Department has been alert to the hazards which face us. Its rodent control program has disclosed several serious conditions particularly in food establishments and has pointed to the necessity for the continuance of the program and for closer cooperation on the part of all our citizens in eliminating conditions favorable to the support and breeding of rodents. Our dog control program has expanded in a very progressive manner during the past year. Through the able and conscientious work of J. Rex Shoemaker, President of the Plainfield Humane Society, an arrangement has been worked out whereby not only Plainfield but a number of our neighboring municipalities are working through the Society for the elimination of stray animals. This will make our own anti-rabies program even more effective. The holding of dog inoculation clinics and the attendant educational efforts have resulted in the inoculation of approximately 80% of our dog population. No case of rabies has been found in our City since April, 1948 nor in our state since March of 1950. However, the disease is presently a matter of great concern in New York State and our local program should be continued. Our Police Department will be able to assist by checking for dog inoculation certificates during the required annual dog census.



The discovery of thirty new cases of tuberculosis in the City during 1950 shows that our warfare against this dread disease must be maintained. The mobile X-ray unit of the New Jersey Health Department was in our City during 1950 and will visit again in May, 1951 when it is hoped many of our citizens will take advantage of this service.

Our Health Department plans to hold a food handler's course this year and it should be well attended. It will assist materially in having proper public health techniques used in our eating and drinking establishments.

During the coming year serious thought should be given to the problem of garbage and trash disposal. Preliminary plans must take shape because it may not be very long before our present solution proves inadequate.

Our sanitary and plumbing codes are still in need of revision. We have yet to institute an effective plan to eliminate rag-weed and other noxious plants which cause so much distress to many of our people.

Water shortages and the mixing of river water in with our artesian well supply has roused great public interest in our water supply system. With the Council's approval I appointed a Committee to study the situation and to make recommendations. The very capable committee, under the leadership of Alvan D. Simpson, has recently submitted a preliminary report of its study. I urge your support of the work of this Committee to the end that the people may be assured that they receive an adequate supply of pure and palatable water at reasonable rates for both public and private use.

### HOUSING

During 1950 the City again established a Public Housing Authority. Its members held their organization meeting in September and have secured a reservation of 175 housing units and authorization for a preliminary loan of \$62,500. As soon as the funds are made available the Authority will be in a position to proceed with its survey and the drawing of plans. This Authority was also made our Redevelopment Agency, and I suggest very strongly to its members that they look into the possibility of eliminating some of our poorest housing as they move ahead with their program.

An inspection of 160 alleged sub-standard housing accommodations was made by our Health, Fire and Building Departments. The results indicate that a considerable part of the difficulty comes from over-crowding and poor housekeeping. As conditions permit we should enforce such regulations as we have and pass such others as may be needed to insure the elimination of unhealthful conditions due to inadequate living space and run-down quarters. The process of education for good housekeeping needs to be continued and intensified by all our available media.

Our boarding and lodging house ordinance has accomplished much needed results. However, experience with it indicates that it causes some hardship which might be avoided and may lead to abuses which can be prevented. I therefore recommend that you review this ordinance in the light of experience.

### PUBLIC WORKS

We have made substantial improvements to our City Yard which will render it more able to handle the growing burden of our Public Works Department. We have also added new equipment and must continue to see to it that the Department has up-to-date tools in good workable condition so that it can accomplish the work that is expected of it.

Green Brook, particularly the section bordering our business district, presents the double problem of flood control and unsightliness. The matter of flood control is deserving of continuous study by our Public Works Committee, our Planning Board and by our new Plainfield Area Water Supply Committee. These groups, plus our Beautification Committee should collaborate on a plan to make more attractive the Brook area of our City.

The condition of our sidewalks in a number of places still leaves a lot to be desired. Their improvement is primarily the responsibility of the individual property owner. Unless this responsibility is accepted voluntarily there will be very little over-all improvement until we add personnel to the Engineer's office sufficient to follow through with a systematic program.

It is obvious that we still have a considerable back-log of street repair and maintenance work and storm sewer installation; and we should move steadily ahead with sections of it each year.

Some years ago ordinances were adopted for widening West Fifth Street from Park to Plainfield Avenue and Seventh Street from Crescent to Plainfield Avenue. As a matter of traffic relief we should give consideration to carrying out a portion of this program on Seventh Street between Park and Madison Avenue and on Fifth Street between Park and Central Avenue.

Plans for improvement of our sewer system have been under way for some time. Good progress has been made and the uncompleted work should be carried through at the earliest practicable time. An adequate and effective system is absolutely essential and all steps toward that end must be given the highest priority.

The increased activity in our City Hall has created a shortage of parking space for persons driving to the building on official business. The space at the rear of the building needs to be enlarged at an early date.

Our Planning Board has faithfully and diligently been pursuing its studies and gathering of data in order to create a master plan and has been most helpful with a number of specific problems. It ought to be encouraged in every respect as it works to reach its objective.

Special mention should be made of the fine work of Sydney R. Durrant, Superintendent of our Shade Tree Commission. With an average of only four men available the Commission, in 1950, removed 127 large trees, trimmed about 1500, sprayed all elms, planted 80 new trees, corrected many sidewalks damaged by City tree growth, promptly completed the emergency work occasioned by the severe wind storm of last November, and assisted in work on various City-owned property and with snow removal. The excellent work of the Commission in protecting the public from dangerous tree conditions, in maintaining our many beautiful trees and in new planting will be limited only by the manpower and budget provided.

A word should also be spoken of the work of our Beautification Committee. Its project of encouraging the growing of forsythia will add to our enjoyment of the City in years ahead. It sponsored our Spring clean-up campaign which was carried through successfully under the direction of our Junior Chamber of Commerce. The Committee has several plans under way, all of which will add attractiveness to our surroundings.

Through the splendid attitude and cooperation of our veterans' organizations we finally worked out a solution of our War Memorial problem which has plagued us for many years. The addition to the memorial has been completed by Philip C. Orlando, and we are planning a rededication ceremony for next Memorial Day.

## CONCLUSION

In conclusion let me pay tribute to our Department heads and to all our City employees. I have learned to appreciate that they devote themselves loyally to the City's best interests and are far above average in every respect. They have made my first term as Mayor relatively easy and pleasant. I have also acquired the greatest respect for our many citizens who give their time voluntarily to the work of our Boards, Commissions and Committees. Their wholehearted and capable efforts continue to give Plainfield outstandingly good government. All of us in City government take the usual oath to support the constitution and laws of our State and Federal Government. It would be appropriate to add to it the pledge that was made by the young men of Athens when that City was in its cultural peak long years ago: "We will never bring disgrace to this our city, by any act of dishonesty or cowardice; we will fight for the ideals and sacred things of the city, both alone and with many; we will revere and obey the city's laws and do our best to incite a like respect and reverence in those about us; we will strive unceasingly to quicken the public's sense of civic duty; and thus in all these ways we will transmit this city not only not less, but greater, better, and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us."

Respectfully,

CARLYLE W. CRANE  
Mayor

# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK

To the Honorable Common Council  
City of Plainfield  
New Jersey

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my annual report for the year ending December 31, 1950, of fees collected for licenses, etc., issued by this office as follows:

## STATEMENT OF REVENUE

2875	Dog Licenses .....	\$	2.25	\$ 6,468.75
1	Dog License (Seeing Eye Dog) .....		none	
3	Pet Shop Licenses .....		10.00	30.00
4	Kennel Licenses .....		10.00	40.00
1	Kennel License .....		25.00	25.00
32	Hackman Licenses .....		10.50	336.00
49	Hack Driver Licenses .....		1.50	73.50
77	Cartman Licenses .....		10.50	808.50
1	Cartman with Horse License .....		5.50	5.50
29	Peddler with Vehicle Licenses .....		25.50	739.50
1	Peddler on Foot License .....		15.50	15.50
1	Peddler with Push Cart License .....		20.50	20.50
19	Peddler Assistant Licenses .....		1.50	28.50
44	Truckman Licenses .....		10.50	462.00
7	Truck Driver Licenses .....		1.50	10.50
6	Auctioneer Licenses .....		25.50	153.00
9	Retail Junk Dealer Licenses .....		25.00	225.00
1	Wholesale Junk Dealer License .....		50.00	50.00
2	Wholesale Junk Dealer Licenses .....		60.00	120.00
1	Poolroom and/or Bowling Alley License .....		5.00	5.00
3	Poolroom and/or Bowling Alley Licenses .....		10.00	30.00
2	Poolroom and/or Bowling Alley Licenses .....		15.00	30.00
2	Poolroom and/or Bowling Alley Licenses .....		20.00	40.00
2	Poolroom and/or Bowling Alley Licenses .....		30.00	60.00
1	Poolroom and/or Bowling Alley License .....		35.00	35.00
1	Poolroom and/or Bowling Alley License .....		40.00	40.00
1	Poolroom and/or Bowling Alley License .....		60.00	60.00
1	Poolroom and/or Bowling Alley License .....		80.00	80.00
	Strand Theatre .....			441.25
	Oxford Theatre .....			409.75
	Paramount Theatre } .25 per seat .....			285.50
	Liberty Theatre .....			254.50
	Academy Roller Rink .....			84.00
141	Entertainment Licenses .....		1.00	141.00
10	Entertainment Licenses .....		2.00	20.00
6	Entertainment Licenses .....		3.00	18.00
2	Entertainment Licenses .....		4.00	8.00
2	Entertainment Licenses .....		5.00	10.00
2	Entertainment Licenses .....		6.00	12.00
2	Entertainment Licenses .....		7.00	14.00
1	Entertainment Adjustment .....		.50	.50
22	Duplicate Dog Tags .....		.50	11.00
2	Election Maps .....		.25	.50
3	Ordinance Books .....		1.50	4.50
6	Search Certificates .....		2.00	12.00
19	Search Certificates .....		2.25	42.75
14	Search Certificates .....		2.50	35.00
4	Search Certificates .....		2.75	11.00
1	Search Certificate .....		3.00	3.00
4	Search Certificates .....		3.25	13.00
1	Search Certificate .....		3.50	3.50
2	Search Certificates .....		3.75	7.50
1	Search Certificate .....		4.00	4.00
1	Search Certificate .....		4.25	4.25
4	Search Certificates .....		5.00	20.00
17	Plenary Retail Consumption Licenses .....		1,200.00	20,400.00
15	Plenary Retail Distribution Licenses .....		600.00	9,000.00
11	Club Licenses .....		150.00	1,650.00
2	Transfers—Plenary Retail Consumption Licenses .....		5.00	10.00
2	Transfers—Plenary Retail Distribution Licenses .....		5.00	10.00
1	Liquor License Application .....		.50	.50
1	Lodging and/or Boarding House—Regular .....		2.00	2.00
3	Lodging and/or Boarding House—Regular .....		5.00	15.00
3	Lodging and/or Boarding House—Regular .....		5.50	16.50
3	Lodging and/or Boarding House—Regular .....		6.00	18.00
1	Lodging and/or Boarding House—Regular .....		6.50	6.50
2	Lodging and/or Boarding House—Regular .....		7.00	14.00
3	Lodging and/or Boarding House—Regular .....		7.50	22.50
3	Lodging and/or Boarding House—Regular .....		8.00	24.00
3	Lodging and/or Boarding House—Regular .....		10.00	30.00
8	Lodging and/or Boarding House—Regular .....		11.00	88.00



6 Lodging and/or Boarding House—Regular .....	12.00	72.00
3 Lodging and/or Boarding House—Regular .....	14.00	42.00
2 Lodging and/or Boarding House—Regular .....	15.00	30.00
2 Lodging and/or Boarding House—Regular .....	17.00	34.00
1 Lodging and/or Boarding House—Regular .....	18.00	18.00
2 Lodging and/or Boarding House—Regular .....	21.00	42.00
1 Lodging and/or Boarding House—Regular .....	28.00	28.00
1 Nursery—Regular License .....	5.50	5.50
1 Nursery—Regular License .....	10.00	10.00
1 Nursery—Regular License .....	21.00	21.00

\$43,471.75

Less amount paid to State Board of Health

(Dog Licenses) .....

718.75

Total amount collected for the City .....

\$42,753.00

Notwithstanding disagreements on policies and appointments by the Common Council, the year 1950 continued the mark set by the year 1949, and produced much constructive legislation as well as many authorizations for physical improvements, either for the general good, or by local improvement ordinances under which those benefited are assessed. Serving as Corporation Counsel in a hold-over capacity for the entire year, was Salvador Diana, whose re-appointment early in the year could not be resolved, nor was there agreement upon a replacement. A change of residence on the part of the newly-elected Democrat from the Fourth Ward, Mr. Walter L. Bradshaw Jr., caused the election of Mr. James T. Moran to succeed him.

One of the most important matters before the Governing Body was the launching of a school expansion program. The sale of school bonds of \$1,470,000 for school replacements again indicated the excellent credit of the City, the bond issue carrying a 1½% interest rate. This latter amount was appropriated to cover the cost of constructing a new school building on property at the corner of Clinton Avenue and West Fourth Street, and for the purchase of additional grounds and construction of a new school at West Fourth Street and Arlington Avenue, to replace the old Franklin and Stillman Schools.

Local improvements during 1950 for which assessments will be made were for the construction of sanitary sewers in various streets which make up a part of what is known as the "Brisbane" tract in the easterly section of the City; for sanitary sewers in Field Avenue, and for the improvement of Huntington Avenue. General Improvements authorized during the same year were estimated to cost approximately \$330,000, which included the following:

Ordinance	Amount of Appropriation	Purpose
1067	\$ 50,000	Engineering, surveying and plans for the South side sanitary relief sewer
1068	58,000	City Yard Improvements
1069	12,500	Road Roller & Air Compressor for the Department of Public Works
1070	6,000	Storm Sewer, Denmark Road
1073	42,000	Aerial Truck and Pumping Engine for the Fire Department
1074	27,000	Plainfield Avenue Playground improvement (Increased by \$10,000 in 1951)
1075	10,000	Addressograph for use by the Assessor's Office
1072	125,000	Acquisition of lands for off-street parking project No. 2

In addition to ordinance No. 1072 providing for the purchase of lands to be used for the construction of an off-street parking lot in the west end of the business section, the Council accepted the recommendations of the Board of Adjustment that permission be granted to the Plainfield-International Motor Company to use land on West Front Street to the north of the Company plant, for the parking of employee cars. The Council felt that it was highly desirable that everything be done to promote the elimination of parked cars on City streets. In this connection it laid plans for the eventual use of the north side of the Netherwood Railroad Station grounds for parking by commuters.

Without benefit of ordinance, but under the provisions whereby the City of Plainfield receives approximately \$29,000 a year from the State Highway Department for road and other improvements, the City caused South Avenue, from Richmond Street to Terrill Road, to be completely resurfaced at a cost of approximately \$58,000. This sum represented the \$29,000 received from the State in 1950 plus amounts carried over from previous years.

Other ordinances adopted during the year were, to provide for a Housing Authority, which Authority was, at a later date, appointed as the City's Redevelopment Agency; to re-zone the greater portion of the block bounded by Leland Avenue, East Seventh Street, Terrill Road, and Cushing Road, and popularly known as the "Brisbane" tract, placing such tract in a modified "A" residence zone, and to authorize the appointment of a Traffic and Parking Commission, and under it, create a Parking Division and a Traffic Division.

By action taken late in the year, provision was made whereby one of the Fire Department Lieutenants was promoted to the dual position of Superintendent of the Parking Division and Captain in the Fire Department. Further promotions included an additional Deputy Chief in the Fire Department, new lieutenants and captains in the Fire Department, and the elevation of Florance F. Donovan to Chief, to replace Paul P. Adams, retired. Four firemen received commendations for duties performed over and above their regular fields, two of the four receiving advancements in grade.

Also by ordinance, the City of Plainfield adopted provisions making it compulsory for barber shops to close on Wednesdays, and earlier on Saturdays than heretofore.

Through the initiative of the Mayor, meetings with veteran organizations were held with the goal of eliminating the difference of opinion existing on the part of some veterans as to the acceptance of the 25-year old war memorial at the triangle in front of the Crescent Avenue Church. It was agreed that two additional plaques, surmounted by an American eagle, and cast in bronze, same to be made a part of the original memorial, would make the memorial itself acceptable to all of the dissident factions. It was understood that one of the plaques would set forth that the memorial is dedicated to all of those who have died in the wars, and the other would quote in full, the much disputed partially quoted passage from the Book of Isaiah on the main body of the memorial. Phillip C. Orlando was commissioned to perform the work at City expense. It was planned to hold rededication ceremonies on Armistice Day but such services were eventually postponed until the following Memorial Day.

Through the activities of the Street Lighting Committee, the Common Council authorized a program of street light modernization in the City's business section. Although not started at this writing, it is felt that this program will add considerably to the attractiveness to the City's expanding retail trades locations.

In addition to the special committees usually appointed by the Council, the Mayor appointed a Water Committee to look into the question of an adequate supply, rates, and whether the City should not be supplied with water solely from the artesian wells operated in Plainfield rather than with a mixture of well water and surface water derived from the Millstone and Raritan Rivers. Also appointed by the Mayor were a Taxpayers' Committee and a Civil Rights Commission.

Again extended for a period of two years, was the ordinance providing for the removal of all gasoline curb equipment. At the present time there are but seven pumps remaining on the curbs.

A clean-up campaign was held during the month of April, and the usual Independence Day celebration was held on July 4.

Late in the year, the Council provided for the employment of additional policemen, thus permitting the reduction of the work week for policemen

to five days, or forty hours per week. Rent controls were continued until June 30, 1951, and additional hydrants and street lights were authorized installed, especially in those sections being developed. Stricter enforcement of the ordinance to license boarding and lodging houses and nursing homes produced a satisfactory condition whereby the safety and comfort of our older people was increased through the reduction of fire hazards and the installation of minimum comforts in homes housing four or more boarders or lodgers. Satisfactory progress continued under the one-man assessor plan, which went into effect on July 1, 1948. Land revaluations were completed in 1949 and it is expected that building revaluations will be completed by the end of 1951.

Saddened was the City's official family by the very sudden death on November 18, 1950 of Mr. John C. Dilts, Collector of Taxes for many years. An interim appointment was made for the remainder of the year.

Extremely active was the Salary Guide Committee, which was appointed to look into the general question of compensation. Through a process of study, and meeting weekly through the better part of the year, and personal interviews with every City employee or representative, salary brackets were liberalized, salaries increased, and the heretofore bonus of \$360 for each full-time employee receiving \$5,000 or less was incorporated in salaries. Despite liberal increases, and because of the great demand for help, both manual and clerical, there were considerable personnel changes.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED TOEGEL  
City Clerk

March 1, 1951



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE  
PLAINFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY AND READING ROOM

To the Honorable  
The Common Council of the  
City of Plainfield

Gentlemen:

The following is the report of the Plainfield Public Library for the year 1950 as presented by the Library Director and the Treasurer to the Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted,

C. B. TYLER, President

To the Board of Directors  
Plainfield Public Library

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The year 1950 at the Plainfield Public Library was marked by the completion of a number of long-overdue improvements both in the administration of the Library and in its buildings.

Perhaps the most important of these improvements from the point of view of the Library's future development was the new salary schedule for the Library staff which was approved by the Common Council in December. For many years the Plainfield Library has been handicapped in its ability to attract professionally qualified personnel by the fact that its salary ranges were considerably lower than those of comparable libraries in the State. Now, however, thanks to the long and untiring efforts of the Salary Guide Committee of the Common Council, the Library has a thoroughly revised, well balanced salary schedule which compares favorably with those of other libraries of its size.

Another notable administrative improvement was the completion of the task of revising and bringing up to date the Library's file of adult card-holders. This job, begun in 1947, involved keeping records of all those who borrowed books during the four-year period and weeding from the files the names of those who did not make active use of their library cards during that time. A count of the revised file at the end of 1950 showed a total of 10,047 active card-holders in the adult department. The number of active adult borrowers is probably considerably higher than this, since surveys in other libraries have showed that only 72 percent of actual library users had their own cards.

A revised and rewritten version of the By-Laws of the Library was adopted and put into effect by the Board of Directors at the meeting of June 6, 1950. The revision tended to simplify the organization and procedures of the Board and reflected the transition from the old administrative set-up, when the Library was administered by standing committees of the Board, to the present system, under which the Library Director is considered the executive officer of the Board, with sole charge of the administration of the Library under the direction and review of the Board.

One of the chronic problems at the Library is that of finding more shelf-space to take care of the constant growth of its collection of books and periodicals. Since about one-fourth of the three miles of shelving in the Library is taken up by long runs of back numbers of periodicals, it is hoped that the storage problem can be partially solved in the future by reduction of these files to some form of microprint, which will reduce the space required for storage by 99 percent. A step in this direction was made in 1945 when the Library acquired a microfilm reader and started replacing its paper copies of back files of newspapers with microfilm copies. This project which has now been completed, has proved popular both with the public and with the staff and has released for other uses a great many shelves in the basement stack.

Meanwhile, a new development—microcard—has made its appearance. Microcard makes possible the printing of from 38 to 64 pages of a magazine on a single 3-by-5 inch card. When the card is placed in the reading machine, the pages are magnified to normal size. Although it is still in an experimental stage, microcard seems to have several advantages over microfilm. It is easier to find the page needed on a card than on a 100-foot reel of film. The reading machine for microcard is simpler to operate, and because paper costs less than film, microcards will eventually be much less expensive than microfilm. Furthermore, since microcards are the same size as catalog cards, they can be stored in standard library equipment and do not require the expensive steel filing cases which are used for storing microfilm.

In 1950, through the cooperation of the Louisville (Ky.) Public Library, the Plainfield Public Library was able to obtain a microcard reader free of charge by agreeing to subscribe to the microcard edition of the **Saturday Review of Literature**. Although it has not yet received enough use to warrant a definite decision, it appears that microcard will afford a satisfactory solution to the problem of storing back files of periodicals.

The year saw the completion of several long-overdue repairs in the physical plant of the Library. The Main Reading Room was repainted for the first time since 1939, and the drapes in the windows were removed, giving the room a brighter and cleaner appearance. The Quiet Reading Room was also repainted, and the floor lamps were replaced with overhead fluorescent fixtures which give a light intensity of between 40 and 45 foot-candles throughout the room. The East Room (formerly the Civic Center Room) which is used for meetings and exhibits, was entirely redecorated, with new colors, new lighting fixtures, and panels of wallboard at either end of the room for hanging exhibits.

Probably the most serious defect of Plainfield's library system is the lack of adequate branch libraries for the use of those who live at a distance from the main library. At present, the only outlets for library books outside of the main library are the collections of about a thousand volumes each, maintained at the Hubbard, Irving, Maxson, Emerson, and Jefferson Schools. These are open only one afternoon a week, and because the space in the school buildings is necessarily limited, they are not large enough for the purpose which they are supposed to serve. Moreover, the fact that they are located in school buildings has created the impression that they are only for the use of the pupils in the schools. This impression persists, despite the fact that attempts have been made, by means of leaflets, newspaper articles, and even ringing doorbells in some localities, to let the people know that the branches have books for adults as well as for children.

We hope eventually to solve the branch problem by renting quarters in shopping areas in both the east and west ends of the city to house adequate library branches. In the fall of 1950, the problem was highlighted by the forced curtailment of services at the Emerson School Branch, where the overcrowded condition of the school necessitated moving the branch library from its regular room to a corner of the lunchroom. This led the Library Board to decide to make an immediate attempt to establish an adequate branch library in the east end to serve the rapidly increasing population of that area. Plans were made for renting and furnishing a store for the purpose, and funds for it were included in the tentative budget for 1951. However, the item was deleted from the budget by the Common Council, and the establishment of the east end branch will have to wait until another year.

Although there was no noticeable drop in the number of people using the Library or in the burden of work to be performed by the staff, the total number of books borrowed for home use during the year—166,550—was 5.6 percent below the total for 1949. A good many librarians nowadays are inclined to blame all of their ills on television. (Before the advent of television, popular scapegoats were—in reverse chronological order—radio, motion pictures, the automobile, the bicycle, mass journalism, and on *ad infinitum*. When ancient Noah discovered the pleasures of the vineyard, it is probable that the librarians of his day viewed the new pastime with alarm and blamed it for the decline in the reading of cuneiform tablets.)

Although television undoubtedly played some part in the decrease in books borrowed from the Library in 1950, we feel that it was a very minor part. This conclusion is borne out by the fact that the greater part of the decline in circulation was in the Adult Department, while the total number of books borrowed from the Children's Room was nearly the same as that for 1949.

The chief factor in the 5.6 percent drop in circulation was, we believe, the high level of economic activity and employment during 1950. Library circulation statistics are almost always a reliable index to business conditions. When business is slack, more people are unemployed or only partially employed and therefore have more time for reading. Conversely, when business conditions are good, more people are employed and more are working overtime, which naturally reduces their opportunities for reading. Also, during prosperous times, people buy more books of their own and consequently make less use of library books.

It is interesting to note, in analyzing the statistics, that in 1949 non-fiction made up 47.4 percent of all the adult books borrowed from the Plainfield Public Library, while in 1950 this percentage rose to 48.7. Since the Index of American Public Library Circulation shows that, on a nationwide scale, non-fiction made up only 43.1 percent of the total circulation of adult books, we can conclude that Plainfield readers use their library for more serious purposes than do readers elsewhere.

The year was a busy one for special activities at the Library. 81 classes, totalling 1,927 children, from 13 public, parochial, and private elementary schools visited the Library for lessons in the use of books and for special study projects. In addition to these, 25 high school classes came to the Library for orientation talks and for special study sessions with the Library's extensive collection of material on vocations. In the Children's Department, 47 story hours and puppet shows were given before a total audience of 1,004 children, and the Children's Librarian delivered 12 book talks in local schools.

The most notable exhibit put on by the Library during the year was the exhibit on Polish folk arts and history, which was arranged by Miss Elizabeth P. Booth of the Library staff in cooperation with the Polish Falcons and held in the Art Gallery and East Room from October 21 to November 4. It was visited by approximately 1,500 people from 27 different municipalities and was featured by four showings of Polish moving picture films. Other exhibits put on by the Library during the year included an exhibit of local school art work; a loan exhibit of ship models; a collection of 150 figure and bitters bottles lent by Mrs. Frank Bennett; an exhibit of historic firearms lent by Mr. Paul Westergard; and an exhibit of autographed first editions and other memorabilia of William Faulkner, lent by Mrs. F. V. B. Demarest. In addition to these, there were nine major exhibits held at the Library by outside groups, of which five were sponsored by the Plainfield Art Association, and one each by the Raritan Valley Art Association, the Westfield Art Association, the Plainfield Garden Club, and the Plainfield Camera Club. Local organizations held 177 meetings at the Library during the year.

New staff members appointed during the year were Mrs. T. A. Sperry, Jr., Junior Library Assistant, and John Harding and David Rich, Junior Clerks. Resignations from the staff included Mrs. William Burdick, Dean Wachtel, and Philip L. Helmer.

In closing, I wish to thank the Board of Directors and Library staff for their support and cooperation; Messrs. William J. Coulter and Warren J. Lynch of the Library Committee of the Common Council for their time and efforts in helping to solve Library problems; and The Plainfield Courier-News for its generous allotment of space to news of the Library's activities.

Respectfully submitted,

LUKE WHITE, JR.  
Library Director



**PLAINFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY AND READING ROOM  
REPORT OF THE TREASURER  
FOR THE YEAR 1950**

**GENERAL LIBRARY FUND**

Receipts:		
1950 City appropriation .....		\$52,062.00
Librarian's Petty Cash Receipts:		
Fees, overtime book privileges .....	\$ 3,436.27	
Book rentals, Pay Collection .....	1,367.21	
Non-resident subscriptions .....	651.00	
Replacing lost or damaged books .....	176.80	
Telephone, paid calls .....	5.80	
Service charges .....	316.20	
Sale old paper, etc. ....	7.40	
Gifts .....	157.22	
Refunds .....	73.65	6,191.55
Total receipts .....		\$58,253.55
Balance on hand, January 1, 1950, Petty Cash Fund .....		209.77
Aggregate .....		\$58,463.32
Disbursements:		
Books .....	\$ 7,008.04	
Pay Books .....	981.55	
Pamphlets .....	124.64	
Music Scores & Records .....	29.86	
Periodicals & Newspapers .....	890.09	
Microfilm .....	714.89	
Binding .....	1,330.10	
Electricity & Gas .....	1,201.82	
Water .....	48.13	
Telephone .....	333.08	
Insurance .....	566.09	
Heating .....	1,161.41	
Repairs & Improvements .....	3,304.72	
Library Supplies .....	788.39	
Office Supplies .....	201.99	
Janitor & Building Supplies .....	219.36	
Furniture & Equipment .....	1,484.22	
Miscellaneous .....	410.37	
Salaries .....	32,710.52	
Bonus .....	4,716.26	
Total disbursements .....		\$58,225.53
Unexpended Balance City Appropriation returned to City .....		1.71
Balance on hand, January 1, 1951 .....		236.08
Aggregate .....		\$58,463.32

**SPECIAL FUNDS INCOME ACCOUNT**

Receipts:		
Babcock .....	\$1,348.05	
Tyler .....	1,090.85	
Lincoln .....	189.28	
Art Gallery .....	59.45	
Vocal Music .....	9.18	
De Leeuw (Gift) .....	10.00	
Total receipts .....		\$2,706.81
Balance on hand, January 1, 1950 .....		4,288.35
Aggregate .....		\$6,995.16
Disbursements:		
Books:		
Babcock .....	\$952.58	
Tyler .....	718.82	
Lincoln .....	225.37	
De Leeuw .....	11.90	
No. J. Astronomical Society .....	14.95	
Houston .....	58.30	
Total disbursements for books .....		\$1,981.92
Periodicals:		
Babcock .....	\$264.25	
Tyler .....	24.25	
Lincoln .....	24.20	
Total disbursements for periodicals .....		312.70
Microcards:		
Tyler .....	12.50	
Total disbursements .....		\$2,307.12
Balance on hand, January 1, 1951 .....		4,688.04
Aggregate .....		\$6,995.16

# STATISTICS FOR 1950

Population served (1950 census) .....	42,211
Hours open each week .....	72
Agencies (1 central Library, 5 Branches, 1 Station) .....	7
Net valuation of City taxable .....	\$66,640,875.00
Rate of tax levy for library purposes .....	.78 mill on \$1.00
Library appropriation .....	\$52,062.00
Total expenditure all funds .....	\$60,532.65
Maintenance expenditure per capita .....	\$ 1.43
Maintenance expenditure per circulation .....	\$ .86
Circulation per capita .....	\$ 3.95

	STOCK						Volumes 1/1/51
	Volumes 1/1/50	Purchase	Additions by Gift	Binding	Transfer	With- drawn	
General Collection .....							
Adult .....	64,075	1,763	223	42	537	3,307	63,333
Intermediate .....	3,993	171	1			101	4,064
Juvenile .....	8,211	966	24			1,042	8,159
TOTAL .....	76,279	2,900	248	42	537	4,450	75,556
Babcock Collection .....	13,362	187		49		30	13,568
Tyler Collection .....	6,956	184		7		6	7,141
Lincoln Collection .....	1,027	37		7		1	1,070
Music Scores .....	7,579		1			10	7,570
Records .....	180	28				12	196
Microfilm .....	891	48					939
Microcard .....		26					26
Pay Collection .....	862	488				525	825
TOTAL .....	107,136	3,898	249	105	537	5,034	106,891
Reference Collection .....							
(included in total) ....	22,417	323				2,147	20,593
Pictures .....	8,936						8,936
Maps .....	621						621

## STOCK Since 1881

	Total Volumes	Total Withdrawals	Working Totals
General Collection .....	131,738	56,182	75,556
Babcock Collection .....	16,068	2,500	13,568
Tyler Collection .....	7,384	243	7,141
Lincoln Collection .....	1,080	10	1,070
Music Scores .....	7,770	200	7,570
Records .....	216	20	196
Microfilm .....	939	0	939
Microcard .....	26	0	26
TOTAL .....	165,221	59,155	106,066
Pay Collection .....			825
			106,891

	CIRCULATION			Total
	Volumes Borrowed	Adult	Intermediate	
Main Building .....	105,675	5,533	28,254	139,462
Branches .....	3,168	3,272	20,648	27,088
TOTAL .....	108,843	8,805	48,902	166,550
Non-Fiction .....	52,974	1,264	16,136	70,374
Fiction .....	55,869	7,541	32,766	96,176
Percent Fiction .....	51.3	85.6	67	57.7

## STOCK AND CIRCULATION BY SUBJECT

	Stock 1/1/51	Additions 1950	Circulation 1950
General .....	6,533	151	588
Philosophy & Psychology .....	1,737	83	2,748
Religion .....	3,297	98	2,371
Social Sciences .....	10,794	381	6,899
Language .....	597	25	597
Pure Science .....	7,361	196	5,341
Applied Science .....	12,131	408	9,994
Arts .....	6,959	231	8,723
Literature .....	8,618	273	9,789
Travel .....	5,260	167	4,411
Biography .....	8,483	254	6,636
History .....	9,741	256	4,684
Music Scores .....	7,570	1	1,037
Records .....	196	28	568
Periodicals .....			4,375
Pamphlets .....			1,613
Microfilm .....	939	48	
Microcard .....	26	26	
Fiction, General Collection .....	15,824	1,675	81,401
Fiction, Rental Collection .....	825	488	14,775
TOTAL .....	106,891	4,789	166,550



# AMOUNT SPENT FOR BOOKS

Adult	Intermediate	Juvenile	TOTAL
\$8,377.63	\$237.57	\$1,356.31	\$9,971.51
84%	2.4%	13.6%	100%

BINDING		
Books	Magazines	TOTAL
671	93	764

## PERIODICALS AND NEWSPAPERS

	General	Gifts	Babcock	Tyler	Lincoln	TOTAL
	Adult	Juvenile				
Periodicals	118	11	36	42	7	219
Newspapers	6		2			8
Total						227

## STAFF

12/31/50

Number in full-time equivalent		
Librarians	Pages	Janitors
12 1/4	1 3/4	1 1/4
		TOTAL
		15 1/4

## BORROWERS REGISTERED

12/31/50

	Adult & Intermediate	Juvenile	TOTAL
Main Library .....	10,047	2,129	12,176
Branches .....	606	1,877	2,483
TOTAL .....	10,653	4,006	14,659

## NEW BORROWERS 1950

Main Library .....	1,818	543	2,361
Branches .....	84	472	556
TOTAL .....	1,902	1,015	2,917
NON-RESIDENT 1950 .....	474		

## REPORT OF THE SHADE TREE COMMISSION

To the Honorable, the Mayor and Common Council  
City of Plainfield.

The Shade Tree Commission believes their first duty is the safeguarding of the public from dangerous trees and limbs. This should take precedent over all other requests for tree work. To carry out this duty requires a large part of the working time. Since the advent of the Dutch Elm disease, necessary tree removals have greatly increased, not only in number but in labor hours required, due to the fact that most of the elms are large trees.

The Department removed 127 trees in 1950, of which 43 were elm trees. There are still many large silver maples, a species commonly damaged by wind storms, that should either be removed or receive a drastic trimming. This type of trimming usually brings severe criticism from the public. As most of the silver maples have decayed root, trunk or limb areas it would seem wiser to remove and replace with new trees wherever possible.

In answer to requests and where such work was required the Commission trimmed about 1500 trees, included in this work is the removal or trimming of low limbs and clearance of street lights. We have consistently tried to keep the trees trimmed to a height where they would not interfere with pedestrian and vehicular traffic, but faced with the alternative of safety or annoyance factors, have had to choose the former.

All elm trees have been sprayed for the control of the elm leaf beetle with satisfactory results. To date there are no new recommendations for the control of the Dutch Elm disease. The prompt removal of all dead elms and the trimming of dead or broken limbs from otherwise healthy trees, to decrease bark beetle breeding areas, are about the only practical measures possible.

The cost and scarcity of good nursery trees and the shortage of labor has limited our planting program. This year we were able to set out 80 new trees. If new streets are to be planted and replacements made for tree removals an increased planting program should be planned and put into effect, when trees and labor are available.

Many calls are received annually requesting the repair of sidewalks damaged or raised by tree growth. Whenever possible we have corrected the conditions brought to our attention. There are however, a number of factors entering into this work which makes it very difficult to obtain satisfactory results. If the repair of walks damaged by tree growth is to be the responsibility of the Shade Tree Commission, I would strongly recommend that some study be given to a definite policy covering this type of work, which would assure all property owners equal consideration.

In November 1950 we experienced one of the strongest wind storms ever recorded for this section, with winds reaching a velocity of 108 miles per hour. Severe damage was suffered by the street trees as well as those on private properties. While many of the damaged trees had decayed trunk or root areas, the loss in sound, healthy trees was also high. About 150 street trees were destroyed, or uprooted so that later removal was necessary and about 75 trees standing on private properties fell into the street giving us additional clearance work. We were unfortunate in the respect that we had only two regular employees, three men having resigned the previous month and no experienced men available. The necessary emergency work and cleaning up was done as promptly as possible but much of the removal work caused by this storm will extend into the 1951 program.

It appears that the labor situation will make it very difficult to secure steady help, at least through the next year or so. If such is the case, the Commission will have to restrict its activities to the more necessary trimming and tree removals, instead of a well rounded program of general tree preservation.

Respectfully submitted,

Plainfield Shade Tree Commission

By: SYDNEY R. DURANT  
Superintendent



# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CITY ENGINEER

## Department of Public Works

To the Honorable, the Mayor and Common Council,  
City of Plainfield, N. J.

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 1950.

The Engineering Division of the Department carried out its assignment of planning and supervising construction involved in ordinances passed by the Common Council and instructions from the Committee of the Department of Public Works in respect to the following ordinances.

Local Improvement Ordinance No. 343, Sanitary Sewer in Adam Circle, Sterling Street, Private Lands, Loretta Terrace and Shirley Street. This work was done under contract by Verona Construction Company at a cost of \$12,725.50. The work was completed and accepted by the City.

Local Improvement Ordinance No. 344, Sanitary Sewer in Field Avenue from Huntington Avenue to Parkside Road. The work was done under contract by Terrible Construction Company at a contract cost of \$3,020.18. The work was completed and accepted by the City.

Local Improvement Ordinance No. 345, Improvement of Huntington Avenue from Grant Avenue to Maltby Avenue. This work was also done by Terrible Construction Company at a contract cost of \$6,621.63. The work was completed and accepted by the City.

General Improvement Ordinance No. 1068. This ordinance provided for improvements at the City Yard consisting of an addition to the City Garage and a new Storage Building; also a new Garage Shop Building. The work of general construction for the addition to the City Garage and Storage Building was done under contract by Adam and Douglas Valentine doing business under the name of Adam Valentine at a construction cost of \$8,400.00. Steel work on these buildings was done under contract by Harrison Barnes trading as Harrison Barnes Company at a construction cost of \$757.00.

The various contractors for the Shop Building and the cost of each contract are as follows:

	Amount of Contract
General Construction—Gumina Bldg. & Const. Co. ....	\$18,920.00
Steel Construction—Spinney Steel Bldg. Inc. ....	3,801.00
Plumbing and Heating—Chas. Simkin & Sons Inc. ....	6,410.00
Electrical Work—N. R. Epstein Elec. Co. ....	5,600.00

The work of constructing the addition to the present Garage Building and Storage Building was completed and accepted by the City during the year, whereas, some of the work on the new Garage Building is still incomplete, no part of which has as yet been accepted by the City.

General Improvement Ordinance No. 1070 provided for the construction of a storm sewer in Denmark Road between Fernwood Avenue and Ravine Road. This work was done under contract by Terrible Construction Company at a cost of \$4,731.95. The work was completed and accepted by the City.

General Improvement Ordinance No. 1071 provided for the reconstruction of curbs and sidewalks along the northwesterly side of West Front Street from Grove Street to a point opposite New Street. The work was done under contract by Terrible Construction Company at a contract cost of \$2,720.84. The work was completed and accepted by the City.

A new bituminous pavement surface was constructed on South Avenue between Richmond Street and Terrill Road involving an expenditure of \$53,997.46. The work was done under contract by Heffler-Snyder Company. The work was partly financed by contribution from the State Highway Department for the year 1950 and contributions from the same source over two previous years.

Other projects completed under the supervision of the Department of Public Works and for which no legislation by the Common Council was required includes the following:

Construction of:

- 1600 lin. ft. sanitary sewers in Leland Gardens
- 1800 lin. ft. storm sewers in Leland Gardens
- 8483 sq. yds. bituminous penetration macadam pavement in Leland Gardens and Leland Avenue
- 150 lin. ft. of sanitary sewers in Sterling Street
- 188 lin. ft. of storm sewer in Leland Avenue at Green Brook
- 287 lin. ft. of storm sewers in Adam Circle
- 90 lin. ft. of granite curb along the northwesterly curb line of East Front Street opposite Park Ave.
- 200 lin. ft. of concrete curbs and gutters replaced on Grant Avenue south of Huntington Avenue
- 254 sq. yds. of macadam pavement on West 6th Street and Liberty Street

Most of these projects were paid for by owners of adjacent property and the construction supervised by the engineers of the Department.

Other services by the engineers to the general public were rendered in assisting the planning of numerous personal projects which were beneficial to the public and also assistance to other departments and committees of the City Government, such as Planning Board, Board of Adjustment, Board of Appeals, Tax Department, Parking Committee, Police Department, City Clerk's Office and the Recreation Commission.

On August 19th basements in the vicinity of the Watchung Avenue Pumping Station were flooded to a considerable depth with sanitary sewage due to the fact that a 15" main sewer pipe in Cambridge Avenue was broken which allowed brook water to enter the sewers in such volume that it was impossible for the pumps at the station to carry out the assignment. It was necessary for the Department to move emergency equipment to the pumping station and work continuously over a twenty-four hour period to overcome the flooded conditions. All cellars which had been flooded were washed and cleaned by the Department. Because of this expense to the City of Plainfield a claim was entered against the party that broke the sewer main in the amount of \$700.00

On November 25th as a result of power failure in the Watchung Avenue Pumping Station, basements were again flooded in this vicinity entailing considerable work to adjust matters to the temporary satisfaction of the property owners.

On December 8th due to rain storms, basements in the vicinity of Watchung Avenue and Carnegie Avenue were flooded with sewage backing-up in the south side sewer main. This south side sewer main is the main which we are working to relieve by the construction of another south side sewer main from Plainfield through South Plainfield, Piscataway Township and the Borough of Middlesex to the Disposal Plant.

## STREET DIVISION

The Street Division of the Department provided all labor and supervision for the maintenance of street pavements and roadway shoulders; the cutting of grass between curbs and sidewalks in front of vacant lots; the cutting of grass on vacant lots owned by the City; snow and ice removal from the streets and parking areas controlled by the City; delivery of coal to and the removal of ashes from public buildings; maintenance of street name signs, garage service to several City Departments; gasoline and oil service and supplies; City Dump, cleaning of gutters and street sweeping and the replacement of pavements where ditches had been opened for underground construction.

The work involved in resurfacing macadam pavements amounted to 94,850 square yards of surface treatment.



New equipment purchased for the Division during the year was as follows:

- 1-6 ft. Temple Stone & Chip Spreader
- 1-7 ft. Temple Stone & Chip Spreader
- 1-Studebaker "Pick-up" Dump Truck
- 1-Tarco Salt Spreader
- 1-2 in. Marlow Pump
- 1-Buffalo Springfield 3 wheel Power Roller
- 1-Model 105 Chicago Pneumatic Air Compressor
- 1-1½ ton Studebaker Truck Chassis with cab

at a total net cost of \$13,776.09.

## SEWER DIVISION

The budget provided for some additional laborers which enabled the Department to "catch-up" somewhat the operation of cleaning sanitary sewers. However, the increased amount of labor did not permit the cleaning of any storm sewers. During the year 72.60 miles of sanitary sewers were cleaned by this Division. Storm sewer inlets were cleaned only, if and when they became clogged.

A new water supply and electric service conduit were installed at the West End Avenue Pumping Station and a new water supply service was installed at the Rock Avenue Pumping Station.

The Department is continuing its efforts to make further progress in the matter of constructing the South Side Sanitary Relief Sewer. Preliminary engineering work is already completed and preliminary plans are now undergoing certain changes which in all probability will be final and we are now about reaching the point where consultation may be held with the several municipalities involved. It is hoped that the work may reach such a stage as to permit receiving of bids before the close of the year 1951.

All pumping stations, except Watchung Avenue, operated throughout the year without any major mishaps.

New equipment purchased for the Division during the year was as follows:

- 2-Sewer Machines (Motor)
- 1-6 in. Suction gasoline motor driven centrifugal trash pump

at a total net cost of \$4,565.86.

## BUILDING DIVISION

It became necessary in August to employ an Assistant Building Inspector to take care of the inspection of construction work on proposed dwellings in the Brisbane Estate. The plans of the developer, as outlined to this Department, were so extensive and the proposed progress was at such a rate that it would be necessary to keep an inspector on the ground at all times. This project started out fairly well but after a good start it lagged to such an extent that we were able to use the Assistant Building Inspector to "catch-up" with a lot of back work that had accumulated in the Division.

This Division was requested to make approximately 170 inspections of houses which were supposed to be "sub-standard." This work involved a great many hours time expended by the Building Inspector along with representatives from the Board of Health, Police and Fire Departments. The report, after approximately three months, was submitted to the Mayor for his use in outlining the requirements of the Committee on Housing. Considerable time was also demanded of the Building Inspector in making inspections from time to time as a result of applications by property owners for a permit to operate Boarding Houses, Lodging Houses, etc. where a license is required in accordance with the ordinance passed by the Common Council.

Activities of the Division are indicated in the following table which shows the records over the past five years.

Year	Number of Permits	Valuation of new construction	No. of Family Units Provided	Fees Collected
1946	967	\$2,370,741.00	144	\$ 9,181.75
1947	1178	3,024,319.00	398	11,132.80
1948	826	2,920,133.75	239	9,753.75
1949	987	3,781,610.00	413	12,593.00
1950	1279	3,485,800.00	332	12,816.50

I attach hereto a statement showing distribution of costs of Local Improvements from 1919 to 1950 and a statement showing distribution of costs of General Improvements from 1926 to 1950; Statement of the Building Division showing permits issued and fees collected during the year and a Statistical Statement of Streets and Sewers.

It is again my pleasure to acknowledge my appreciation of the cooperation received from the Mayor, Common Council, all Department Heads, Employees of this Department, and the Department of Public Works Committee, composed of the following members of the Common Council.

John W. Hall, Chairman  
Walter L. Bradshaw  
Oscar O. Kuentz  
James T. Moran

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. BUSH  
City Engineer

#### STATEMENT OF LOCAL IMPROVEMENT ASSESSMENTS 1919 — 1950

Ordinance	Description	Charged to City	Charged to Owner	Contributions	TOTAL
201 to					
336 incl.	1919-1948 .....	\$1,334,440.24	\$2,004,313.69	\$378,764.79	\$3,717,518.72
337	incl. Sanitary Sewer				
	Hamilton Avenue .....	672.09	1,798.04		2,470.93
338	Imp. of Coolidge St. & Sterling St. ....	1,500.31	29,745.79	2,021.62	33,267.72
339	Sanitary Sewer in Ironbound Avenue ....		4,884.34		4,884.34
340	Sanitary Sewer in Huntington Avenue .....	245.52	1,571.62		1,817.14
341	Improvement of Ironbound Avenue .....	1,003.72	9,266.18		10,269.90
342	Improvement of Bradford St. & Hamilton Ave. ....	3,285.33	6,556.61	1,500.00 Damages	11,341.94
343	Sanitary Sewer in Adam Circle, Sterling St., Private Lands, Loretta Ter. & Shir- ley Street .....		Completed but not yet assessed		
344	Sanitary Sewer in Field Ave. between Huntington Ave. & Parkside Road .....		Completed but not yet assessed		
345	Improvement of Hunt- ington Ave. from Grant Avenue to Maltby Ave. ....		Completed but not yet assessed		

#### STATEMENT OF GENERAL IMPROVEMENT ORDINANCES

Ordinances	Description	Charged to City	Contributions	TOTAL
1001 to				
1058 incl.	1926-1948 .....	\$1,345,964.03	\$112,664.32	\$1,458,628.35
1059	Off-Street Park- ing Project No. 1 .....	111,847.70		111,847.70
1060	San. Relief Sewer in Berckman St. E. 3rd St. to East Front St. ....	7,195.46		7,195.46

1061 to		
1065 incl.	For Benefit of other Departments	
1066	Improvements at City Yard .....	20,000.00
1067	Engineering Fees	
	So. Side Sanitary Relief Sewer	Not yet complete
1068	Improvements at City Yard .....	Not yet complete
1069	New Equipment	
	D. P. W. ....	10,758.10
1070	Storm Sewer	
	Denmark Road .....	4,968.20
1071	Improvement-New Sidewalks & Curbs	
	W. Front St. west of Grove St. ....	2,903.44
1072	West End Off-Street Parking	Not yet complete
1073	For Benefit	
1074	of other	
175	Departments	

#### STATEMENT OF PERMITS ISSUED AND FEES COLLECTED BY THE BUILDING DIVISION FOR THE YEAR 1950

Fees Collected .....		\$12,816.50
Building Permits .....	\$10,037.50	
Certificates of Occupancy .....	1,767.00	
Zoning Appeals .....	890.00	
Zoning Ordinances .....	35.00	
Building Codes .....	47.00	
Board of Adjustment Hearing .....	40.00	\$12,816.50

#### CLASSIFICATION

232 for	234	Frame Dwellings
64 for	71	Frame Dwellings (garages attached)
2 for	2	Frame Dwellings (garages detached)
68 for	68	Frame Additions
101 for	101	Frame Alterations
17 for	17	Frame Garages
2 for	2	Frame Offices
31 for	31	Cement Hollow Block Garages
28 for	28	Cement Hollow Block Additions
1 for	1	Cement Hollow Block Warehouse
2 for	2	Cement Hollow Block Storage Buildings
4 for	4	Cement Hollow Block Dwellings
1 for	1	Cement Hollow Block Dwelling (garage attached)
2 for	2	Cement Hollow Block Dikes
3 for	3	Cement Hollow Block Walls
1 for	1	Cement Hollow Block Office Building
1 for	1	Cement Hollow Block Chimney
3 for	3	Cement Hollow Block Store Buildings
4 for	4	Cement Hollow Block Foundations
2 for	2	Cement Hollow Block Offices
1 for	1	Cement Hollow Block Church
4 for	4	Cement Hollow Block Alterations
1 for	1	Cement Hollow Block Swimming Pool
1 for	1	Cement Hollow Block Citadel
1 for	1	Concrete Addition
1 for	1	Concrete Alteration
542 for	548	Fuel Oil Equipment
11 for	13	Fuel Oil Tanks
1 for	1	Metal Booth
11 for	11	Demolitions
2 for	2	Removals
1 for	1	Lunchwagon
102 for	103	Signs
2 for	2	Certificates of Occupancy
1 for	1	T. V. Antenna Mast
3 for	3	Brick Alterations
4 for	4	Brick Additions
1 for	1	Brick and Cement Hollow Block Electric Sub-Station, Control Room, Office and Garage
1 for	1	Metal Office
7 for	7	Fire Escapes
12 for	24	Gasoline Tanks

1279 Permits

The valuation, represented by 1279 permits, amounts to \$3,485,800.00.  
These permits provide for 332 new dwelling units to house 332 families.



# STATISTICAL STATEMENT

## STREETS

Length Streets paved with "Hard Surface"* on concrete foundation (County) .....	6.40 miles
Length Streets paved with "Hard Surface"* on stone foundation (County) .....	2.00 miles
Length Streets paved with "Hard Surface"* on concrete foundation (City) .....	12.79 miles
Length Streets paved with "Hard Surface"* on stone foundation (City) .....	1.73 miles
Length Streets paved with Bituminous Macadam (City) .....	26.32 miles
Length Streets paved with Water Bound Macadam (City) .....	40.33 miles
Length of Improved Streets (City) .....	89.57 miles
Length of Unimproved Streets (City) .....	15.17 miles
Total Length of Streets in City .....	104.74 miles
Area "Hard Surface" pavement on concrete foundation (County) .....	131,742 sq. yds.
Area "Hard Surface" pavement on stone foundation (County) .....	11,974 sq. yds.
Area "Hard Surface" pavement on concrete foundation (City) .....	269,501 sq. yds.
Area "Hard Surface" pavement on stone foundation (City) .....	19,845 sq. yds.
Area "Bituminous Macadam" (City) .....	426,119 sq. yds.
Area "Water Bound Macadam" (City) .....	550,398 sq. yds.
Total Area of Pavements .....	1,409,579 sq. yds.
Area Bituminous Surface Treatment in 1950 .....	94,850 sq. yds.
* "Hard Surface"—Sheet Asphalt, Bituminous Concrete, Granite Block, Brick, Tarvialithic, Hot-Col, etc.	

## SEWERS

Length of Storm Sewers .....	40.00 miles
Length of Sanitary Sewers .....	98.36 miles
Number of House Connections on Sanitary Sewers .....	8800
Pumping Stations .....	6
Auxiliary Pumping Stations .....	1

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WELFARE DEPARTMENT

February 15, 1951

To the Honorable Mayor  
and Common Council  
of the City of Plainfield, N. J.

Gentlemen:

The Welfare Department submits herewith its annual report for the year 1950.

It operates under state regulations with a Local Assistance Board of five members: chairman, Norman J. Abrams; Mrs. Donald C. Luce, Secretary; Joseph F. McCarron; Aubrey C. Lambert and David Srager.

During the year 1950 we carried an average of 117 cases a month with 347 persons but we started the year with 154 cases in January reaching a peak in March but from that period on have decreased slowly to the near 100 mark due to the fact that the factories in and around Plainfield have available employment for almost any type person who can work. This leaves us now with a case load of unemployables.

Over the period of 1950 we spent \$96,800.89 and on this amount have a 40% state refund on allowable items.

In most every instance of granting assistance on basic need we keep well within the amount allowable as set up by the state but it is important to note that where there are large families of border line cases it is occasionally necessary to supplement the husband's income due to the fact that he is either incapable of earning enough to supply the family with basic needs or because of the housing situation is unable to find shelter for his family at a reasonable rental.

The majority of our time is taken up with families who are either on court order or agreement to pay through this Department and entirely aside from the amount of relief expended, we save \$16,696.68 covering 76 cases. The mere fact that a man is placed on a court order or agrees to pay through this Department support for his family or other responsibility does not mean that we are finished with the case after the original interview. Naturally, there are problems which come up in these families week after week and they come to us for advice and counselling.

Another factor which is time consuming but money saving is discussing problems at great length with people who come to ask for assistance and we frequently find on delving into their cases that they are not eligible here from the standpoint of actual financial need or they are eligible for another category of assistance. Of these people whose applications are never taken it is safe to say that we reject on an average of ten a month.

During the latter part of 1950 our greatest problem was found to be finding adequate homes for the care of the people who were physically unable to help themselves or adequate rooms for people who were suffering from dispossession procedures due to transfer of ownership of property.

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFFORD H. DURANT  
Director of Welfare

## REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL YOUTH GUIDANCE COUNCIL

December 20, 1950

Honorable Carlyle Crane  
City Hall  
Plainfield, N. J.

Dear Mr. Crane:

The Municipal Youth Guidance Council, during the year 1950, pursued two parallel courses of action. It continued its study and investigation of the status of juvenile misbehavior and its underlying causes. It also engaged in activities that would focus the attention of the community on the needs of young people and also provide activities for young people so that proper outlets of pent-up energies might be utilized.

During the early part of 1950, Mrs. Emma V. Hamm, social worker for the committee on Youth Guidance, conducted a thorough and excellent survey of problems of juvenile delinquency and the attitudes of community leaders toward that problem. A considerable number of people in social agencies, in business, public and parochial schools, etc. were interviewed and opinions noted and a full and thorough discussion held so that a proper orientation to the whole problem could be established.

In the spring of 1950, the committee arranged for a city wide observance of Youth Week. A considerable number of civic agencies participated in that observance and the attendance at the various events and the general interest stimulated was most encouraging. The committee was satisfied that the event was one of the most successful held in our own community—or in any other part of the state. Honorable mention was given Plainfield by the National Council for a job well done.

A series of conferences were held with the managers of local motion picture theatres so that the entire question of type of film, supervision of juvenile attendance, and other important factors could be discussed. The committee was gratified at the fine cooperation shown by the local managers.

The committee very carefully studied the problem relating to Halloween observance and steps were taken to assure an orderly celebration. Excellent cooperation was given to the development of a city wide program by the Recreation Commission, churches, service clubs, and the public and parochial schools. As a result of these cooperative efforts vandalism was kept to a minimum.

The Committee begs to extend its fullest appreciation to his Honor, the Mayor, and other city officials who have been very helpful in the work of the Youth Guidance Council.

Respectfully submitted,

HOMER W. WIEDER, Chairman  
ESTHER M. DILLARD, Secretary



# ANNUAL REPORT — OFFICE OF THE TAX ASSESSOR

To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council  
City of Plainfield, New Jersey

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith the Annual Report of the Office of the Tax Assessor for the year 1950:

## STATEMENT OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD AS OF OCTOBER 1, 1950 FOR THE YEAR 1951

Value of Land (without improvements)	\$17,848,675
Value of Improvements	42,385,200
Total Value of Real Estate	60,233,875
Value of Personal Property:	
A. Value of Household Goods and Chattels	3,470,100
B. Value of Farm Stock and Machinery	none
C. Value of Stock in Trade, Materials used in Manufacture and other Personal Property assessed under Sec. 54: 4-11	2,840,100
D. Value of all other tangible Personal Property used in business	4,107,950
Total Value of Personal property	10,418,150
TOTAL GROSS VALUATIONS	70,652,025

## DEDUCTIONS AND EXEMPTIONS

Household Goods (exempted to a valuation of \$100.00 R.S. 54: 4-3.16)	1,211,000
Property exempted under R.S. 54: 4-13.12 and Ch. 70 Veteran Exemptions	937,750
Real Estate	433,250
Personal	504,500

Total Deductions and Exemptions 2,148,750

NET VALUATION TAXABLE AT LOCAL RATE	68,503,275
Plus Second Class Railroad Valuation	271,829

TOTAL 68,775,104

Number of Acres Assessed	3.03
Number of Lots Assessed	10,227
New Construction and Additions Assessed	1,978,250
Valuation of Buildings Demolished	15,400
Valuation of Building Reduction	234,250
1950 Buildings Assessed — Exempt for 1951	22,200

EXEMPT PROPERTY	LAND	BUILDINGS	TOTAL
Public Schools	232,000	1,736,900	1,968,900
Other Schools	27,900	250,500	278,400
Public Property	359,925	425,000	784,925
Churches and Charities	502,600	2,491,800	2,994,400
Cemeteries	39,900	3,300	43,200
Other Exemptions (U. S. Government and State and County Property)	208,100	200,500	408,600

TOTAL ASSESSMENT ON EXEMPT PROPERTY	1,370,425	5,108,000	6,478,425
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## CLASSIFICATION OF REAL ESTATE RATABLES IN 1951

	Land	%	Buildings	%	Total	%
Residential	10,508,675	58.876	31,303,000	73.854	41,811,675	69.416
Business	6,752,800	37.834	7,457,100	17.594	14,209,900	23.591
Industrial	330,000	1.849	2,614,900	6.169	2,944,900	4.889
Utilities	257,200	1.441	1,010,200	2.383	1,267,400	2.104
TOTALS	17,848,675	100%	42,385,200	100%	60,233,875	100%

## NET VALUATION TAXABLE AT LOCAL RATE — 1939 to 1951 Inclusive (Second Class Railroad Valuation not included)

Year	Valuation	Increase or Decrease
1939	59,273,994	
1940	59,159,965	114,029 Decrease
1941	59,028,340	131,625 Decrease
1942	58,809,850	218,490 Decrease
1943	58,639,600	170,250 Decrease
1944	58,098,300	541,300 Decrease
1945	57,763,775	334,525 Decrease
1946	57,985,300	221,525 Increase
1947	60,057,600	2,072,300 Increase
1948	61,561,575	1,503,975 Increase
1949	64,957,425	3,395,850 Increase
1950	66,640,875	1,683,450 Increase
1951	68,503,275	1,862,400 Increase
Net increase for twelve years		9,007,756
Average Increase per year		750,646

# ANALYSIS BY WARDS OF TAXABLE PROPERTY FOR 1951

	Land	Buildings	Personal	Total
Ward 1. ....	5,121,675	9,917,300	2,698,525	17,737,500
Ward 2. ....	5,383,800	13,380,800	1,448,425	20,213,025
Ward 3. ....	3,465,775	9,758,200	1,860,975	15,084,950
Ward 4. ....	3,877,425	8,895,650	2,694,725	15,467,800
	17,848,675	41,951,950	8,702,650	68,503,275

## MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Analysis of the total RESIDENTIAL property valuations of \$41,811,675 or 69.416% of the Total Real Estate ratables is divided into the following classifications:

	No. Items	%
1 Family Dwellings .....	5,569	73.95
2 Family Dwellings .....	1,405	18.66
3 Family Dwellings .....	259	3.44
4 Family Dwellings .....	160	2.13
5 Family Dwellings .....	47	.62
6 Family Dwellings .....	35	.46
7 Family Dwellings .....	7	.09
8 Family Dwellings .....	7	.09
9 Family Dwellings .....	5	.07
Large Apartment Dwellings .....	34	.45
Hotels .....	3	.04

TOTAL NUMBER DWELLINGS 7,531 100%

The area of the City of Plainfield is 6.25 square miles.

Total number of Assessments for 1951:

### Real Estate Items:

Improved .....	8,304
Unimproved .....	1,967

Total Real Estate .....10,271

### Personal Items:

Business .....	1,514
Residential .....	12,021

Total Personal .....13,535

23,806

Total number of Deed transfers received during the year 1950 was 1,256.

The one man full time assessor system has been in operation as of December 31, 1950 for a two and one-half year period. During this time, the office and assessing procedures have been entirely overhauled and modernized.

An equalization formula has been put into use and standards adopted for evaluating. Records have been accumulated giving basic data applying to properties in the City. Statistical data has been assembled which is of great value for comparison purposes.

This office is utilized by lawyers, real estate brokers and private and public interests.

Twenty-seven tax appeals were made to the County Tax Board requesting a total appeal of \$125,600.00. The Union County Tax Board granted judgments in the amount of \$14,200.00 on five tax appeals only.

This office negotiated the purchase of plots for the West End Parking lots and, through its negotiations, saved the taxpayers of the City of Plainfield many thousands of dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM G. McDOWELL

Tax Assessor

February 16, 1951

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION**

To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council  
of the City of Plainfield, New Jersey

Gentlemen:

The Board of Recreation Commissioners is pleased to submit the annual report of activities conducted during the year ended December 21, 1950. The Mayor and Common Council deserve special mention for the present level of success of the program. While the Commission is justly proud of its staff in initiating, organizing and carrying out activities, the recreation program owes much to the sympathetic support of the governing body. Budget requests for worthy projects over the past several years have been carefully considered in every instance. Considering the many demands upon municipal funds, the wise share allotted for recreation has made it possible for the people of Plainfield to enjoy a high standard program—attested to by experts in the field and more important by widespread benefits to families in all walks of life. The “tried and true” and the new pioneering activities have all been accomplished at a cost of well under one dollar per capita. With your continued interest and support recreation will be a force for good in the community.

### **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR**

Adult Evening School  
Festival of the Arts  
Recreation Day Camp  
Improvement of the Plainfield Avenue Playground  
Baseball and Invitational Tournament  
Playgrounds and Playground Olympic Award

### **PLAINFIELD ADULT EVENING SCHOOL**

After a lapse of many years, the opening of the fall term on November sixth marked a successful return of this facility to Plainfielders. Five hundred thirty people enrolled in twenty-one classes, and an even more successful spring term is anticipated. Participants come from all walks of life, and there is enthusiasm for a wide variety of courses, vocational and academic as well as recreational. This project is jointly sponsored by the Board of Education and the Board of Recreation Commissioners, who appoint a Council responsible for the administration of the program. The Council includes a staff and board member from each Board and citizen representatives. The project is self-supporting from enrollment fees.

### **FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS**

The third annual Art Festival was held on the fourteenth of May in Library Park and was well attended by both participants and spectators, with eighteen hundred entries.

### **RECREATION DAY CAMP**

The second free Recreation Day Camp offered game hunts, hiking, nature study and handcraft to the children from all the playgrounds. The last day at camp for each playground was devoted to cook-outs for which the children prepared their own meals. This activity was located at Seeley's Pond, Union County Park Commission and was jointly financed by the Plainfield Junior League, Inc. and the Recreation Commission. Contributions by community-minded merchants and individuals added substantial resources to the camp program and made it possible to provide daily one pint of milk and a serving of ice cream as well as food for the cook-outs.

### **PLAINFIELD AVENUE PLAYGROUND**

The Commission hoped to have completed the enlargement of the Plainfield Avenue Playground and the Shelter House by late fall, 1950.



Plans and specifications, based upon recommendations of the National Recreation Association, were drawn by the Wigton-Abbott Corporation and the City Engineer. Following these specifications, a bond issue for \$27,500 was authorized by the Council in June for the completion of this project. Demolition and construction were delayed by unforeseen difficulties in removing tenants from the buildings. Contracts and site clearance were authorized by the Council late in December, but at the present time, plans for completion of the Shelter House are delayed because of the National Production Authority order curtailing construction. A formal appeal has been made to the government to permit completion of this project. It is sincerely hoped that in view of its value to the community, this enlarged facility will be made available. With the cooperation of the Neighborhood House, substantially increased recreational and community service can be rendered to this highly congested neighborhood.

### **BASEBALL**

Three baseball leagues operated during the spring and summer months and at the close of the season an invitational tournament was promoted with sixteen of the best teams in the area entering.

### **PLAYGROUNDS**

Ten playgrounds were in full time operation during half of June, all of July and August. Two playgrounds operated from April through November. Previous to the opening of the playground season on a full time basis, a play leaders' institute was held where leaders were instructed in their duties. A well balanced program of supervised play, team games and crafts was scheduled and completed. Bergen Playground won third place in the State Wide Playground Olympics.

### **BASKETBALL**

Seventeen leagues for boys and girls, six teams to a league, were organized and played a weekly schedule. At the conclusion of the regular season, tournaments were held in the senior and junior divisions.

### **COASTING**

When feasible, a number of streets were blocked off for coasting. The cooperation of the Street and Police Departments helped make this sport safe for children and adults.

### **COMMUNITY CENTERS**

Through the cooperation of the Board of Education, Emerson, Washington and Jefferson Schools operated as Community Centers from October through April. The program included manual training, dramatics, art, hand-craft, cooking classes, athletics and games for children of school age. In addition to the above, Maxson, Hubbard and Plainfield High School gymnasiums were used as athletic centers for our basketball program.

### **DRAMATICS**

A drama tournament was held at the Park Hotel Annex with six groups participating. The Snyder Trophy was won by the Kenyon Players in the production of "The Old Lady Shows Her Medals."

### **FOURTH OF JULY**

As in past years, the Superintendent cooperated with the Mayor's Committee for the 4th of July Celebration to help create a successful program throughout the day and evening.

### **HALLOWEEN**

The Halloween celebration took the form of a parade, a huge bonfire, awards to the best costumed, and the dance in the King Market parking

area. Refreshments were provided through the courtesy of the King Market. The High School Band led the parade in costume, and groups followed in Mardi Gras style of march from the City Hall to Seidler Field, where a huge bonfire was made and awards given for the best costumed marchers.

### **PICNICS**

Picnic Kits were furnished free of charge to over fifty organizations through the year. The kit includes equipment to accomodate the anticipated attendance, suggestions as to games and outlined programs for the day.

### **SEIDLER FIELD HOBBY HOUSE**

The field house at Seidler Field was used by the children in the neighborhood four afternoons a week for a program of arts and crafts. The children ranged in age from three and one-half to fifteen years. This program was enthusiastically received.

### **SERVICE**

In addition to the many services afforded to the Community, meeting space is given to organizations such as the Tri County Radio Association, Plainfield Kennel Club, Netherwood Tennis Club and others.

### **SHUT-IN COUNCIL**

Shut-ins in the Plainfield area are provided for by our Shut-in Council on a wholly voluntary basis. The Council is active in sending monthly letters to all shut-ins, flowers at Easter time and baskets at Christmas. There are eighty people being taken care of in this manner.

### **SOFTBALL LEAGUES**

Eight softball leagues, six teams to a league, were organized and played to their schedule ending in a championship series.

### **SQUARE DANCES**

Weekly square dances were held in the Jefferson School on Wednesday evenings beginning in October and ending in May. Many of our young people (and a few not so young) turned out for this type of old fashioned dancing and enjoyed themselves.

### **SWIMMING POOL**

The High School swimming pool was made available during the regular playground season. Groups from all playgrounds were scheduled on a rotating basis so that every child who wanted to use the pool could do so on the days designated for his playground.

### **TENNIS CLINIC**

A tennis clinic for beginners was held at the High School courts during the month of July, with instruction provided by members of the Netherwood Tennis Club.

### **PERSONNEL**

During the year Mr. J. McCartney resigned to return to active duty in the United States Navy. Mr. C. E. Hunsinger was appointed Assistant Superintendent. The Commission accepted with regret the resignation of Assistant Superintendent Ray Barrett, who resigned to take a post offering greater opportunities.

## SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE FIGURES FOR ALL ACTIVITIES

Baseball .....	29,180
Basketball .....	32,048
Celebrations .....	45,020
Community Centers .....	21,576
Day Camp .....	1,511
Dramatics .....	865
Festival of Arts .....	7,545
Football .....	5,663
Golf .....	2,460
Group Meetings .....	5,599
Picnic Kits .....	4,026
Playgrounds .....	102,359
Seidler Hobby House .....	2,053
Shut-in Council .....	94
Softball .....	25,675
Square Dance .....	3,011
Swimming Pool .....	4,418
Tennis .....	2,258
Touch Football .....	4,216
Youth Center Dances .....	14,434
Miscellaneous Activities .....	2,213
Total .....	316,224

Respectfully submitted,

EVAN R. SPALT

President

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The Recreation Commission wishes to thank all City Departments, the Plainfield Courier-News, and the Board of Education for their cooperation throughout the year, and to thank the private agencies and organizations and the many men and women of Plainfield whose hard work and support contributed to the total program.

R. O. SCHLENTER

Recreation Superintendent



# REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

December 31, 1950

Honorable Mayor and Common Council  
City of Plainfield  
Plainfield, New Jersey

Gentlemen:

In compliance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Plainfield, I herewith respectfully submit the annual report of the Fire Department for the year ending December 31, 1950.

Within this report you will find in a somewhat detailed manner, statistics of the various activities of the department, such as valuation of property involved in fires, figures of insurance carried and losses incurred, facts and methods relating to extinguishment of fires, resuscitation and first aid services rendered, membership drills, and also a brief summary of the work of the Fire Prevention, Police and Fire Alarm Signal, and Parking Meter Divisions.

Further comments will be found on the various factors in relation to fire defense, and I have made such recommendations as I deem necessary to keep abreast of the existing and future conditions within the City.

In conclusion, I wish to extend to you, the Common Council and the Mayor, the Fire Committee, heads of the various departments of the City, the Citizens and the Press, my sincere thanks for the very friendly cooperation given in the management of this department during the past year. Also I desire to express my appreciation for the efficient services of the personnel of the Fire Department.

Respectfully submitted

F. F. DONOVAN  
Chief

## ORGANIZATION FIRE COMMITTEE

Wallace E. Weglau      Warren J. Lynch, Chairman      John W. Hall

## CHIEF OFFICERS

FLORENCE F. DONOVAN, Chief of Department  
CORNELIUS L. FITZPATRICK, Deputy Chief  
OLIVER R. PEARSON, Deputy Chief  
AUGUST F. BOMKE, Deputy Chief

The present personnel of 72, is divided as follows:

### FIRE FIGHTING FORCE

- 1 Chief of Department
- 3 Deputy Chiefs
- 1 Captain
- 4 Lieutenants
- 24 Class AA Privates
- 5 Class A Privates
- 10 Class B Privates
- 2 Class C Privates
- 11 Class D Privates
- 2 Class E Privates
- 5 Probationary Members
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- 68 Total Fire Fighting Force —
- One of whom is assigned to Parking Meters
- 1 Clerk

### DIVISION OF FIRE ALARM TELEGRAPH

- 1 Superintendent
- 1 Lineman

### PARKING DIVISION — PARKING METERS

- 1 Repairman

## DISTRIBUTION OF PERSONNEL

The personnel of the department was distributed through the three stations as follows:

Headquarters Station: One Chief, three Deputy Chiefs, one Captain, two Lieutenants, 40 Privates and one Clerk. When existing vacancies are filled in the officers ranks, Headquarters Station will have two Captains, and one Lieutenant. At the present time, one Lieutenant is acting in the capacity of Captain.

Engine Company No. 3 Station: Two Privates acting as officers and 8 Privates. When existing vacancies are filled, this station will be manned by one Captain, one Lieutenant and 8 Privates.

Engine Company No. 4 Station: One Lieutenant, one Acting Lieutenant and 8 Privates. When existing vacancies are filled, this station will be manned by one Captain, one Lieutenant and 8 Privates.

One Lieutenant acts as "Floating Officer" and rotates his duties between the two outlying stations.

### APPARATUS RESPONSE

	Engine No. 1	Engine No. 2	Res. Engine No. 2	Engine No. 3	Engine No. 4	Engine No. 5	Truck No. 1	Truck No. 3	Rescue Squad	Others	1950 Total
Box Alarms ....	58	7	—	22	26	6	30	37	56	6	248
Phone Alarms	202	7	4	125	192	10	39	98	136	21	834
Verbal Alarms	10	1	1	9	4	—	—	4	6	—	35
Total Number of Appr'tus Runs	270	15	5	156	222	16	69	139	198	27	1,117
False Alarms	33	3	—	6	15	10	9	24	33	1	134
Smoke Scare & Auto .....	35	3	—	14	19	8	6	8	14	4	111
Refrigerators & Aid Cases .....	6	1	—	9	12	4	4	6	35	2	79
Heating Units & Chimneys ....	19	2	—	11	8	3	4	14	11	2	74
Residential & Garages ....	41	2	—	12	9	17	17	18	24	3	143
2½" Hose Used .....	15,650	—	1,150	7,100	4,850	4,650	—	—	—	—	33,400
1½" Hose Used .....	100	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	100
Booster Lines	67	—	1	27	53	24	—	—	—	—	172
Indian Tanks	115	—	2	99	218	57	—	1	1	—	493
Other Extinguishers	3	—	—	3	6	—	—	—	—	—	12
Beat Out .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Feet of Ladder	138	16	—	204	58	62	1,019	1,564	—	40	3,101

### RECORD OF ALARMS FOR THE YEAR 1950

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total For 1950
<b>Residential:</b>													
Dwellings, Tenaments, Apart- ments, Hotels, Rooming & Lodging Houses, Barns and Garages .....	14	11	16	14	8	11	5	8	12	8	10	12	129
<b>Non-Residential Assembly:</b>													
Office Bldgs., Theatres, Churches, Hospitals, Institutions & Schools .....	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	1	1	1	6
<b>Mercantile:</b>													
Retail & Wholesale Trades, Restaurants, Bars, Repair Shops, Public Filling Stations and Garages .....	4	—	1	3	2	—	3	—	3	3	—	4	23
<b>Manufacturing:</b>													
Factories, Printing, Laundries and other processing .....	—	1	—	2	—	—	2	1	2	1	—	—	9
<b>Storage:</b>													
Storage Warehouses and the like .....	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
<b>Miscellaneous:</b>													
Other Buildings, Power Plants & Pumping Stations .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	1	6

Grass or Brush .....	21	14	53	83	19	6	1	1	—	15	37	7	256
<b>Other Fires:</b>													
Autos, Lumber Yards,													
Outdoor Machinery .....	9	4	6	6	3	5	8	—	6	13	13	7	80
Mischievious and Maliciously													
False Alarms .....	4	1	2	1	2	3	—	—	7	3	4	6	33
Smoke Scares, Honest Mis-													
takes and Accidental .....	3	2	1	2	1	2	—	—	3	3	4	6	27
First Aid, Accidents													
and Emergency .....	2	6	7	4	6	9	11	7	14	10	26	3	105
Total Number													
of Alarms .....	57	39	86	116	42	37	31	17	47	60	96	47	675

#### TIME ALARMS WERE RECEIVED

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	1950 Total
<b>A. M.</b>													
12 to 1 .....	1	—	—	—	—	3	—	1	—	—	1	—	6
1 to 2 .....	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	2	7
2 to 3 .....	—	2	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
3 to 4 .....	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	1	1	1	8
4 to 5 .....	—	1	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	2	1	—	7
5 to 6 .....	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
6 to 7 .....	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
7 to 8 .....	—	3	—	1	4	—	—	2	1	1	2	—	14
8 to 9 .....	—	—	3	1	1	1	3	1	2	—	3	4	19
9 to 10 .....	—	—	3	5	1	1	—	1	3	3	1	1	19
10 to 11 .....	4	4	7	3	5	2	—	1	—	2	2	3	33
11 to 12 .....	3	—	7	12	4	1	1	1	2	5	4	1	41
<b>P. M.</b>													
12 to 1 .....	6	3	10	14	4	—	1	1	—	4	6	2	51
1 to 2 .....	2	3	11	15	1	1	1	2	4	4	9	1	54
2 to 3 .....	3	2	12	14	1	3	2	1	2	6	9	4	59
3 to 4 .....	3	4	8	8	1	1	4	3	3	6	7	3	51
4 to 5 .....	5	4	8	13	5	2	2	3	4	2	11	4	63
5 to 6 .....	10	2	3	8	4	2	2	1	2	7	15	4	60
6 to 7 .....	4	2	6	5	2	5	3	3	5	1	6	5	47
7 to 8 .....	5	3	2	6	1	4	2	2	4	4	6	4	43
8 to 9 .....	4	—	2	4	1	3	4	—	1	5	6	3	33
9 to 10 .....	4	1	1	—	2	1	2	1	2	3	3	—	30
10 to 11 .....	1	—	1	1	3	1	2	1	2	1	2	2	17
11 to 12 .....	1	3	—	3	1	2	2	—	—	1	1	2	16
<b>TOTALS</b> .....	57	39	86	116	42	37	31	27	38	60	96	47	675

#### FIRE HOSE — AN ESSENTIAL TO FIRE SERVICE

Hose is now considered about the most essential equipment of a fire department. Except for the very small fire, its use is universal.

In every conflagration, the amount of hose used has included not only that normally carried on the apparatus, but also spare hose and in some cases, thousands of feet brought in by outside fire departments.

Even for ordinary big fires, there is generally a quick demand for more hose than that carried on apparatus responding. Therefore, experience has shown that an equal amount of hose to that carried on each apparatus should be kept at the company station to permit the reloading of the apparatus with dry hose after a fire.

Hose is made of material which is susceptible to deterioration and wear. It also can be made in several grades of quality. Hose has certain definite functions to perform — it must withstand relatively high pressures to be able to transport water with a minimum loss in working pressure, and be sufficiently flexible that it can be handled and used under extreme fire conditions without requiring a large number of men. For these reasons it is evident that we must have definite performance requirements specified by the City when purchasing fire hose.

To insure against bursting when under pressure, this department's hose is tested at least once a year and any injured lengths are retired from service. The usual test is to fill each length of hose with water and raise the pressure to 250 pounds and hold that pressure for three minutes. Each length is examined for pin holes (porousness), damaged couplings and weak fabric while under pressure.

Care of hose is an important factor in its life. The rubber lining becomes hard and cracks if water is not run thru it at least every six



months. The cotton fabric becomes water soaked at fires and if not thoroughly dried out, mildew will set in and destroy the fabric. Hose can be badly injured if folded when frozen. Dirt, grease and often acids or chemicals which get on hose at fires tend to destroy its value. Because of these conditions hose must be washed and then thoroughly dried after use. This department's hose is washed and then hung, unfolded, in the hose towers at either outlying station until thoroughly dry after each use. In addition to this care, hose is unloaded from each apparatus at least once each month and the apparatus reloaded with fresh hose from the hose towers. This method keeps the hose rotating between the towers and the apparatus, thereby materially increasing its life.

The life of fire hose is generally considered to be seven years, but this department still has in service about 177 lengths (8,850 feet) of hose purchased between 1927 and 1940, indicating that proper care can increase its life.

Injured hose is seldom worth repairing. Sometimes, a few feet can be cut off and the length recoupled, but a length of hose less than 40 feet long is not regularly carried on the apparatus.

There is a total of 275 fifty foot lengths of two and one-half inch hose in service in the three stations of the department. The total length is 13,750 feet. Also Headquarters Station has 12 fifty-foot lengths (600 feet) of one and one-half inch hose. This hose is distributed between the stations as follows:

At Headquarters Station— 148 lengths of two and one-half inch hose, of which 60 lengths were purchased between 1929 and 1940, the remainder of 88 lengths being purchased between 1945 and 1950.

Also at Headquarters Station there are 12 fifty-foot lengths of one and one-half inch hose, which was introduced into the department in 1950. Six lengths are carried on No. 1 Engine, the other six lengths being held in reserve to reload with dry hose after use.

At Engine Company No. 3 Station— 64 lengths of two and one-half inch hose, of which 54 lengths were purchased between 1927 and 1936, the remainder of 10 lengths being purchased in 1949.

At Engine Company No. 4 Station— 63 lengths of two and one-half inch hose, all of which was purchased between 1927 and 1940.

As will be seen from the above, a total of 177 lengths, or somewhat over half of the hose is between 10 and 23 years old, and can be expected to deteriorate very rapidly. It will also be seen that the bulk of the old hose is situated in the outlying stations. The reason is that Headquarters serves the high value business district of the city and must have the most dependable hose. The outlying stations should also have very dependable hose, but a burst length in their districts may not be as serious and the results may not be as disastrous as in the high value district.

One and one-half inch hose was introduced into the department for the first time in 1950. It has proven very effective in combating fires where it is desirable to keep water damage at a minimum. Also its ease of handling is a great boon to the department with its present manpower. This small hose is very flexible when under pressure and one man can easily handle a hand line where two or three men are necessary for a single line of the larger hose. More streams of water can therefore be directed at the fire and the fire more quickly extinguished and the damage will also be decreased. Only one engine is now equipped with one and one-half inch hose, and that engine serves the high value district.

With the above factors in mind and in the interest of economy, I recommend the purchase of 1,500 feet of "one and one-half inch, double jacket, wax and gum treated, rubber lined fire hose." This will enable the two outlying stations to be equipped with small hose in addition to the large, with a sufficient reserve to allow the same care as is given the two and one-half inch hose.

## FIRE LOSS STATISTICS

Fire losses sustained for the year ending December 31, 1950, covering all buildings and contents that were involved in fire, amounted to \$125,751.47, on which there was insurance carried in the amount of \$1,587,050.00, showing an excess of carried insurance over the actual loss by fire damage of \$1,461,298.53.

BUILDINGS			
Total Value Involved	Insurance on Buildings	Loss Insured and Uninsured	Insurance Loss
\$1,521,625.00	\$1,342,750.00	\$78,058.90	\$73,906.82

CONTENTS			
Total Value Involved	Insurance on Contents	Loss Insured and Uninsured	Insurance Loss
\$ 282,919.00	\$ 244,300.00	\$47,692.57	\$41,729.32

LOSS TOTALS			
Total Value of Property Involved	Total Insurance on Buildings and Contents	Total Loss on Buildings and Contents	Total Insurance Loss on Buildings and Contents
\$1,804,544.00	\$1,587,050.00	\$125,751.47	\$114,636.14

Percentage Loss .67% (Based on value of property involved)

Per Capita Loss \$2.79 (Based on 45,000 population)

## HYDRANTS AND WATER DISTRIBUTION

When water mains are laid, the basis of the distribution system for the next fifty years is established. For that reason, it is not economically sound to consider only the present or immediate demand which may be placed upon the mains. Even though our City is zoned as to occupancy, height and area of buildings, there is no assurance that this zoning will stand for all times. In fact, there have been exceptions where residential zones have been changed to mercantile or manufacturing zones, but no change made in the hydrant placing or water distribution system.

The Fire Department is vitally interested in the water distribution system of the City. This interest is in knowing how much water is available at any given point at any given time. The fire flow demand for all portions of the City are usually based upon the degree of congestion, the size of the buildings and occupancy. There are many places where individual buildings or groups of buildings, require larger fire flow. To establish some degree of uniformity, a method of determining the fire flow requirements for residential areas is given hereinafter.

In considering fire supply for individual buildings, the first factor is that of supply available from the individual hydrant. The size, length and method of supplying the main shall be such that each to be considered as providing protection will deliver two good fire streams. This is a minimum of 500 gallons a minute from each. For a small area, low to moderate height building, such as a six room dwelling, the availability of one hydrant should be sufficient if separation of buildings of at least 30 feet is provided on all sides. Where this separation does not exist, there is probability of two or more buildings becoming involved, with a mild degree of exposure, that is, on one side, two hydrants, each within 500 feet, and each capable of delivering 500 gallons of water, will be needed. A moderate exposure, i.e., on each of two sides, will require a total available fire flow of 1,500 gallons, and when the blocks are built upon all lots occupied on the street front, the danger of a fire involving several dwellings may well require 2,500 gallons.

Hence the Department's interest in the distribution of water. The Department should also be consulted before new mains are laid so as to determine that the new mains will be of sufficient size to give proper fire service to the area to be covered.

The City has a total of 590 hydrants within the City Limits and 4 just over the city line that are available for fire protection. Three new hydrants were installed in 1950, all in the vicinity of the Leland Gardens development.

The hydrants are in good condition and are inspected regularly. Hydrant spacing is wide throughout the city. In the principal mercantile district there is a hydrant at every street intersection and several inter-

mediate hydrants. The average area served by each hydrant in the mercantile district is 113 thousand square feet while the remainder of the hydrants each serve an area of 240 thousand square feet.

The distribution system of Plainfield is termed "gridiron" and is a network of mains, ranging in size from four to sixteen inches, in the general design of a grid such that ample quantities of water can be obtained through adequate distribution of hydrants. The residential districts of the City are served predominately by six-inch mains. Other mains range in size from eight to fourteen inches in size, with a few four inch mains in use.

## APPARATUS

The life of a piece of fire apparatus is fifteen years, and after that time, the cost of operation and maintenance have reached the point of where it is more economical to replace the apparatus than to continue repairing it. Repair parts for old apparatus are extremely difficult and often impossible to obtain with the result that the apparatus is of no use until such replacement parts are obtained. This causes the apparatus to be taken out of service and the department's strength decreased with a decrease in protection to the city resulting. In addition, even after being repaired, old equipment cannot be relied upon too fully. As an example, No. 5 Engine, a 1930 pumper, was repaired at a cost of \$830, after being out of service for nearly two months. It is 20 years old and is being used as a reserve engine, and is in good condition now.

The purchase of new fire apparatus has been recommended almost every year. These recommendations were not always carried out and in 1950, it was necessary to purchase one pumping engine, one aerial truck (to be delivered early in January, 1951) and a new supply car. The total expenditure was \$42,640, of which \$42,000 was financed by a bond issue. The oldest piece of apparatus now on first alarm assignment is thirteen years old but is not being recommended for replacement this year.

The apparatus recommended for replacement during 1951 are as follows:

**Emergency Squad:** This is an open body, 1933 G. M. C. truck, purchased in 1933 and has been in continuous service since that time, operating from Department Headquarters. The vehicle carries rescue and life-saving equipment, rescuscitators, emergency equipment and first aid equipment. A great amount of trouble has been experienced with the truck itself. It has mechanical brakes which develop a new trouble almost immediately after being repaired. Various other troubles develop from time to time which make the vehicle not as dependable as it should be, considering its purpose.

It is therefore recommended that the City of Plainfield purchase a new Emergency Squad truck with a certain amount of emergency equipment and tools that is not now a part of the present equipment. The estimated cost is \$15,000.

**Chief's Car:** This is a 1939 Buick business coupe placed in service December, 1938.

**Deputy Chief's Car:** This is a 1939 Plymouth business coupe, placed in service January, 1939.

These two vehicles receive a considerable amount of use and due to their age, it would be more economical to replace them with new dependable cars. The Buick, when replaced, should be retained for use of the Deputy Chiefs when on inspection tours, as the one car now in use by the Deputy Chiefs does not provide sufficient transportation for the three officers on inspection tours and alarm response. Both of these cars are equipped with two-way radio, gas masks and small hand extinguishers.

It is therefore recommended that the Buick be replaced with a new car of like design and weight, the present radio equipment to be transferred to the new car. The Buick should be retained for use as explained above.

It is also recommended that the Plymouth be replaced with a new car of like design, but considerably heavier in weight. All equipment in this car to be transferred to the replacement car, and the Plymouth disposed of.



## DISTRIBUTION OF APPARATUS

### HEADQUARTERS STATION—321 Central Avenue

**Buick Business Coupe**—Chief's Car. Placed in service December, 1938. This car is for use of the Chief and is equipped with a two-way radio.

**Plymouth Business Coupe**—Deputy Chief's Car. Placed in service January, 1939. This car is for use of the three Deputy Chiefs and is equipped with a two-way radio.

**Engine No. 1**—A Mack, 1,000 gallon per minute capacity, triple combination pumping engine carrying 1,700 feet of 2½ inch hose, 300 feet of 1½ inch hose, a 100 gallon booster tank and 250 feet of ¾ inch booster hose. Placed in service June, 1947. Answered 270 alarms in 1950.

**Engine No. 2**—A Mack, 1,000 gallon per minute capacity, triple combination pumping engine carrying 1,800 feet of 2½ inch hose, a 100 gallon booster tank, 250 feet of ¾ inch booster hose, a deck gun capable of passing 1,000 gallons per minute and a two-way radio. Placed in service November, 1950. Answered 15 alarms in 1950.

**Engine No. 5 (Held in reserve)**—A Mack, 1,000 gallon per minute capacity, triple combination pumping engine carrying a reserve load of 1,000 feet of 2½ inch hose, a 100 gallon booster tank, 200 feet of ¾ inch booster hose and a deck gun. Placed in service February, 1930 and relegated to reserve service November, 1950. Answered 16 alarms in 1950.

**Truck No. 1**—An American-LaFrance aerial truck carrying an 85 foot all-metal aerial ladder and 201 feet of portable ladders. It also carries a portable deluge set, a ladder pipe and a life net in addition to other equipment. Placed in service September, 1949. Answered 61 alarms in 1950.

**Truck No. 3**—A Mack City Service Ladder Truck carrying 235 feet of portable wooden ladders, a portable deluge set, a life net and other equipment. Placed in service June, 1930. This apparatus is to be replaced by a new Mack, 65 foot aerial truck which is expected to be delivered early in January, 1951. Answered 139 alarms in 1950.

**Emergency Squad**—A G.M.C. service truck carrying rescue and first aid equipment and other emergency tools and equipment. Placed in service February, 1933. Answered 198 alarms in 1950.

**Supply Car**—A Dodge, 1-ton pick up truck. Used to transport supplies, hose, personnel, gasoline, etc., from station to fire grounds or from station to station. Placed in service July, 1950. This truck replaced the old Chevrolet supply car which was purchased and placed in service January, 1931.

### ENGINE COMPANY NO. 3 STATION—730 West Fourth Street

**Engine No. 3**—A Mack 1,000 gallon per minute capacity, triple combination pumping engine carrying 1,800 feet of 2½ inch hose, a 100 gallon booster tank and 250 feet of ¾ inch booster hose. Placed in service April, 1949. Answered 156 alarms in 1950.

**Engine No. 2 (Held in reserve)**—An American-LaFrance 1,000 gallon per minute capacity, triple combination pumping engine. Placed in service December 1920 and relegated to reserve service June, 1947. This apparatus is held in reserve pending disposal through sale. Answered 5 alarms in 1950.

### ENGINE COMPANY NO. 4 STATION—1015 South Avenue

**Engine No. 4**—A Mack, 750 gallon per minute capacity, triple combination pumping engine, carrying 1,700 feet of 2½ inch hose, a 100 gallon booster tank and 250 feet of ¾ inch booster hose. Placed in service November, 1937. Answered 222 alarms in 1950.

**Truck No. 3**—Will be placed in reserve service and housed at this station when the new Mack aerial truck is delivered and placed in service.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT RADIO

Fire service is an emergency service and its operation must be based upon extreme conditions rather than those of normal character. These conditions, in the face of the present world situation, may occur at a time when the telephone and fire alarm systems are disrupted. Fire Headquarters would then have no means of communication with its outside stations. Fire Department radio is the answer to the communications problem. With radio equipment, the department would have communication with apparatus at fires and also between fire stations, regardless of damage to telephone and telegraph systems. The department now has four two-way radio sets. Two are in operation at the present time, operating through the Police Radio. The other two sets are expected to be in operation by February 1, 1951. All four sets are, of necessity, installed in apparatus stationed at Headquarters. In an extreme emergency, these apparatus could be distributed so as to maintain communications between stations, but the efficiency of the department would be somewhat impaired.

In view of the proven efficiency of radio in aiding departmental operations, and the steps already taken to provide proper and efficient communication in the Plainfield Fire Department, I hereby recommend the purchase of two additional two-way radio sets for installation in the apparatus stationed at the two outlying stations. Even though it is difficult to operate through the police radio, Fire Headquarters would then have communications with any apparatus operating on a fire at any time. This would speed-up the calling for additional equipment or apparatus when needed. I strongly urge that No. 3 and No. 4 Engines be equipped with two-way radio at the earliest possible moment.

## INSPECTION AND FIRE PREVENTION ACTIVITIES

A total of 894 inspections were made by officers of the department during 1950. This includes 163 inspections made during the Sub-Standard Housing Survey. Privates of Headquarters Companies made 875 inspections; Privates of Engine Company No. 3 made 240 inspections; Privates of Engine Co. No. 4 made 360 inspections. All applications for liquor licenses, boarding, lodging, nursing and convalescent home licenses requires approval of the Fire Department and inspections are made on each application submitted. The Board of Health requests many inspections and each theatre is inspected every two or three days during evening performances. Whenever a complaint of fire hazards are received an inspection is made and the results reported to the Chief of the department. When violations are found, the owner or occupant of the premises is given notice to eliminate the hazard within a certain length of time and if not eliminated within that time, a Court Summons is issued. Many inspections, particularly on complaints require a re-check to see that the hazard has been eliminated, and these re-checks are not included in the above totals.

Inspection work has been seriously hampered due to the lack of manpower, particularly in the two outlying stations. In the event of illness of one or more men and during vacation periods, these stations must dispense with inspection work. It is hoped to install radios in these two apparatus and this will aid in inspection work in that the company may leave the station to make inspections within its district, and still be able to respond promptly to a fire in its area when an alarm is received over the radio.

Inspections of buildings and property are made to keep abreast of the ever increasing hazards due to advancing of industry and processing of new materials, and also to keep the premises free from accumulations of combustible materials and also to see that emergency fire exits, fire escapes and the like are readily accessible, properly maintained and free of obstructions. Inspections also aid in fire fighting by the members having a first-hand knowledge of where the most dangerous hazards exist and what types of buildings and constructions will be encountered.

Inspections made in the residential districts included service yards, incinerators and burning conditions and rubbish conditions. Many minor violations were found as well as a few major violations. In most cases, these violations were corrected within the time allotted, but others either required more time or the notice to eliminate the hazard was ignored. Where the

hazard is not eliminated the department is seriously hampered by the lack of legal authority to force elimination. Some cases may be referred to other departments for action, but others are purely fire hazards and the Fire Prevention Ordinance does not cover them. Many such cases exist throughout the City.

Inspections made in the business district and within the stores include aisles, method of storing stock, rubbish conditions in basements and store rooms, condition of sprinkler systems and other auxiliary fire fighting equipment. Hazards and violations are more easily cleared in these places as most owners are anxious to provide maximum safety for their customers. There are several major violations that cannot be cleared in the business district due to lack of authority on the part of this department to force removal of the hazard.

In order to remove existing hazards and prevent future hazards, the Fire Department must be provided with a modern, up-to-date Fire Prevention Ordinance that will give the department the power to more closely inspect buildings and premises, and control the storage and volume of combustible materials and volatile liquids and the like. Just one example of the inadequacy of our present Fire Prevention Ordinance is that the department cannot bring pressure to bear on property owners who have allowed vacant lots to become overgrown with tall weeds and in some cases large amounts of brush and other rubbish to accumulate. These conditions cause many alarms for grass fires that would not have been started had the department been able to have the lots properly policed. Grass and brush fires numbered 256 in 1950.

## FIRE STATIONS

With the development of our city and the increasing congestion, not only in the business district, but more so in the residential sections, the problems in responding to alarms of fire and fire fighting operations is becoming more important each year.

The City of Plainfield has long been in need of additional Fire Stations and the relocating of at least one of its present stations. Under present conditions it is necessary for apparatus stationed at Fire Headquarters to travel through heavy traffic areas to respond to all alarms in the outlying districts. This means that when these companies are out to one of these alarms, it leaves the business district, industrial district, schools and hospital with reduced fire fighting strength in the event of an additional alarm. The Fire Department has tried to solve this problem, but because of present conditions we are unable to do so.

We have seen considerable growth in all residential sections, more so in the First Ward or northeast section, and our City is going to continue to grow in all directions.

Another problem that confronts the Fire Department is that our City has seen quite an increase in population in the past ten years. The plan of converting many old homes into apartments and other practices that developed during the past ten years have brought a serious condition upon us.

We have less fire stations now than we had 30 years ago. We have not kept our fire stations advancing with the City.

Therefore, I wish to call to your attention, proposals for the very near future, worthy of your consideration.

The purchase of a suitable site and the construction of a Bungalow Type, two-company Fire Station in the First Ward, or northeast section, of our City in the vicinity of East Front Street and Hillcrest Avenue.

The construction of a Bungalow Type, two-company Fire Station on City owned property located at West Third Street and Bergen Street. This Fire Station would be a replacement and a relocation of the present Fire Station No. 3, located at 730 West Fourth Street, which was constructed during the year 1898.

The erection of a five story heavy timber construction modern drill tower, also to be located on the City owned property at West Third Street and Bergen Street.



The construction of a Bungalow Type, two-company Fire Station in the Third Ward, or south end, of our City on the land reserved just for this purpose, located at 168-174 Stelle Avenue.

The erection of these new Fire Stations and the relocating of Station No. 3 would of course mean the decentralization of some companies and personnel now located at Fire Headquarters, 321 Central Avenue. This would in turn render portions of the Fire Headquarters building available for other uses.

### MANPOWER

The manpower situation in the Fire Department has been a subject of much discussion in the past years. With the trend toward shorter working hours and the granting of such in 1950, and the indicated drafting of several of the firemen, manpower deserves to be brought under consideration again.

The work-week was reduced to 67 hours in 1950. Several men have indicated that they may be called into the armed forces within the very near future. These two factors alone will reduce the strength of the department to a point where a maximum of three men respond with each piece of apparatus to an alarm. With a full first alarm assignment, the officer in charge will have only nine and in some cases ten men. This does not allow enough men for sick leaves, injury, special details to places of public assembly or vacation leaves. It also makes it necessary to take apparatus "out-of-service" at times. This does not give the officer enough men to control a severe fire. It is true that of the many fires in the City, only a relatively small number require more men than those responding at present, but since the Fire Department is an emergency service, it should be set up so as to be able to fight a moderately severe fire with the first alarm response. The Department, at present, cannot do this without a second alarm to call more men, even though there may be sufficient apparatus at the scene. A second alarm necessitates a certain amount of delay in getting off-shift men to the scene, which delay could be very disastrous, particularly under adverse wind and weather conditions. A second alarm also reduces the number of companies and manpower remaining in quarters for response to any additional alarm of fire that may be transmitted during the time first and second alarm companies are operating at the first fire scene.

I am of the opinion, and it is my recommendation, that arrangements be considered for the future so that the number of men on duty at all times with the individual companies will be as follows:

Each Engine Company to have a minimum of five men and a Company Officer.

Each Ladder Truck Company to have a minimum of six men and a Company Officer.

When companies operate in areas where values justify the erection of buildings of considerable height or of large area, or involving high values or considerable life hazard, it becomes necessary to consider the manual operation of many hose lines, the extension of services to upper floors and many other conditions where individual company manpower is of vital importance. With companies manned as above, there would be sufficient manpower responding to a first alarm to provide a reasonably efficient operating force at night when conditions may be disadvantageous for operations. This same manpower during the day would provide for one or more men or officers from the company for necessary inspections or fire prevention activities.

Therefore, considering the safety of life and property of the Citizens of Plainfield, I strongly urge that serious consideration be given to increasing the manpower of the Fire Department to where each apparatus will respond with a minimum of five men instead of the present three.

With new fire stations under consideration, manpower for these stations must also be considered. By increasing the manpower now, it will be possible to man these stations with experienced individuals and in many cases experienced teams of men who have been working together for some time.

## TRAINING

The training program has again this year been greatly curtailed due to the lack of proper facilities. The department has no means to properly train the younger men as they should be trained. Probationary men, as well as the older men are given training in handling the equipment, operating pumpers, driving apparatus and first aid. Most of the training is conducted at the stations and when using hose lines under pressure, at a hydrant near a vacant lot. The men are therefore quite well training in handling of hose streams on the ground. Handling hose and directing streams from ladders and within buildings is another story. There is no way to train men in these operations with a hose line charged with water under pressure. A great deal of training is accomplished by placing ladders against department headquarters and using dry, uncharged hose, thereby giving some practice at moving hose across roofs, but it is impracticable to use a charged line. Ladder drills were conducted almost daily, using both portable ladders and the aerial ladder. Men were drilled in moving dry hose up the ladders and through windows of the stations, or fastening hose to ladders. In classroom work, men were required to learn hydrant locations, fire box locations, house numbers and street numbers, and the shortest routes to fire locations from all stations, and particularly in their districts. Approximately 2,355 man-hours were spent on these drills during 1950.

Fourteen members of the department attended and qualified in First Aid classes and two officers received the instructors course in First Aid during 1950.

To further supplement our present training program and also give the men training they are not now able to obtain, the department should be provided with a modern drill tower. With a drill tower, almost any type building can be simulated, attack on a simulated fire planned and carried out with charged hose line, thereby training men under actual conditions.

As a progressive City, serious consideration should be given to Firemen's Training so that greater efficiency in fire fighting may be created.

Therefore, it is recommended that a suitable site be acquired with sufficient area to permit the erection of a modern five-story drill tower at which the men can learn by actually doing the work, as well as by lectures. A school where members can get first-hand experience in extinguishing actual fires is a valuable asset to any department.

I also recommend that two officers of the department be sent to a Fire College to receive a course of instruction that would qualify them as competent instructors in Firematics.

I place this requisite of modern fire training close to the top of the needs of the fire service. You will agree that upon the efficiency and ability of the Fire Department personnel depends the success or failure of Plainfield's fire protection and prevention programs, as well as having a great bearing on the Fire Insurance Rate.

## MERIT RATING

The Merit Rating System was put into effect in 1949 and carried on in 1950. The purpose and intent of this System is to provide a performance record of each man, to be used as a guide in determining advancement or promotion. The System also provides a minimum rating mark or grade that should be attained by probationary or temporary members before permanent appointment is recommended.

The Merit Rating Advisory Board consists of the members of the Fire Committee and a civilian representative appointed by the Mayor. The duties of the Board are:

1. To pursue the records of all reportable members of the Department and affix the final rating score.
2. To receive, investigate and report to the appointing authority on any member's complaint of his rating.
3. To consider and advise on any matter submitted to the board and concerning the ratings.

## POLICE AND FIRE SIGNAL SYSTEM

The Police and Fire Signal is in charge of maintaining the alarm systems of both the Fire Department and the Police Department, and is under the direct supervision of the Chief of the Fire Department. The system is manned by two men, one Superintendent and one Lineman. Both of these men work five and one-half days a week and are on call at all times in case of failure of either or both of the systems.

The Fire Alarm system consists of 109 fire boxes located at different points in the City. These boxes are all connected to the alarm bells or gongs in Headquarters, each outside station, Police Headquarters, Water Company Pumping Station and a small "tapper" at the Courier-News. Whenever a box is "pulled" the alarm is transmitted to these places. The alarm is registered on a paper tape and there are four of these registers, one each in Headquarters, each outside station and Police Headquarters. There is a Fire Alarm Room in Headquarters that contains the batteries, switchboard and other instruments incidental to the Fire Alarm System. There are two sirens, one at Headquarters and one at the Randolph Road pumping station with a synchronized remote control switch. The System contains about 60 miles of over-head wires and about 4 miles of underground wires and cables.

During 1950, 2 new fire boxes were installed at new locations and two other boxes were re-located. Two fire alarm circuits were covered for defective wiring and some wire re-run due to poor insulation in trees or change in position of poles. The storm of November 25 caused 20 breaks in the system due to fallen trees or the wires being crossed by Public Service wires. Some repairs are still incomplete due to manpower and material shortages. The alarm tappers that were installed in Chief Adam's home and Mr. Pearsall's home were removed and the wires used to replace faulty wire in the system. The large 16 inch tapper was removed from Engine No. 3 Station and replaced with a 10 inch tapper and the 6 inch tapper removed from Chief Adam's home was also installed at this station. The fire alarm system at Engine No. 3 Station was completely re-wired. Work was begun to overhaul all the fire boxes, but not completed in 1950. All batteries in the Fire Alarm Room were replaced. Prior to the resurfacing of South Avenue, parts of the street were dug up and preparations made to place alarm wires and cables underground.

The Police Alarm System is of the Gamewell type with ten standard Police Boxes with recall lights and horns. There are about two miles of overhead wires and about four miles of underground cable. The batteries for this system are installed in the Fire Alarm Room at Fire Headquarters. The alarms are registered much as the fire alarms are registered and this equipment is installed in Police Headquarters.

The Traffic Signals are also maintained by the Police and Fire Signal System. There are 20 traffic signals, one of which was installed in 1950. There is also one all red light and siren at West Fourth Street and Central Avenue which is manually operated from Fire Headquarters and used only when apparatus leave headquarters in response to alarms of fire. The signal installed in 1950 is at Belvidere Avenue and East Seventh Street and is in use only during the commuter rush hours.

Work was begun to repaint all traffic lights. It was necessary to discontinue the work when about one-third complete because the borrowed air compressor had to be returned. Three lights were hit by cars or trucks. One light at Front Street and Watchung Avenue had to be moved back from the curb line, and a new pedestal installed. The other light is awaiting materials to move the pedestal to a new position. One light at East Fifth Street and Watchung Avenue was hit and is still awaiting action of the insurance company. One light at Park Avenue and Eighth Street was hit and the head replaced with a new one.

The two men of the Signal System have actually more work to be done than can be done by two men. Besides the routine maintenance work of



the three systems mentioned, they must work with the Public Service and Telephone companies to transfer signal wires from old telephone poles to new poles and locations whenever the two companies remove or replace their poles. They also do much of the electrical work for other departments of the City at the City Hall, Police Headquarters, City Yards and other places. Whenever a "break" occurs in either of the alarm systems or traffic lights are damaged by collisions, one or both of these men must be available to make temporary repairs or complete repairs, depending upon which system is involved. They also answer all second alarms as drivers of auxiliary apparatus to transport supplies and other equipment to and from the fire scene. New fire boxes, traffic lights and signal devices are installed by the Signal System.

The System operates one 1931 Mack Line Truck and one 1949 Ford Panel truck.

July 9, 1950, James F. Pearsall retired on Pension. Since that time, the two remaining men have endeavored to carry on the work formerly done by three men. In view of this manpower shortage and the volume of work required of the Signal System, I recommend the immediate replacement of Mr. Pearsall, thereby bringing the department back to a position to efficiently carry out the necessary work.

#### A. D. T. SYSTEM

The Fire Department is connected to the American District Telegraph System and has stations in seven of the factories and one of the department stores in the City. There is one alarm bell and register system installed in Fire Headquarters and operates automatically from the building protected. When an alarm is received over this system, it is re-transmitted over the City's system. The system is maintained by the American District Telegraph System personnel and is tested daily.

#### PARKING METER DIVISION

The Parking Meter Division is presently under the direct supervision of the Chief of the Fire Department, but after January 1, 1951, will come under the supervision of the Chief of Police. The division was manned by one fireman and two helpers until October, when the two helpers were appointed to the Fire Department as probationary members. These two men were not replaced.

Collections from meters are made Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of each week and the money turned over twice daily to the Supervisor of Municipal Finances and Accounts at the City Hall.

There are 799 one-hour meters and 173 two-hour meters installed. During the year, 892 service calls for repairs were made and four posts and meters were damaged by collisions and were replaced.

The Division operates two Chevrolet panel trucks, one equipped for repair of meters at the location and the other equipped for collections and meter installations.

The Division also is in charge of the parking lots, the work consisting mainly of keeping the Calculagraphs in repair and changing the dates daily.

## REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Plainfield, New Jersey  
January 1, 1951

To the Honorable,  
the Mayor and Common Council  
City of Plainfield, New Jersey  
Gentlemen:

I submit, herewith, my Annual Report of the Police Department for the year ending December 31st, 1950.

The numerical strength of the Department is 78 members, consisting of 1 Chief, 2 Captains, 4 Lieutenants, 7 Sergeants, 1 Detective, 55 Patrolmen, 3 Clerks, 2 Maintenance Men, 1 Janitor, 1 Patrol Driver and 1 Matron on call.

During the year of 1950 a total of 870 arrests were made by the Uniform and Detective Division comprising both of male and female. 9,930 summons were issued by all branches of the Department for violation of the Motor Vehicle Laws and City Ordinances. 101 Juvenile complaints were investigated. Of this number 49 complaints were referred to the Juvenile Court, 6 complaints were turned over to other Police Departments or Agencies. The remainder received warnings by the investigating officer. Radio Patrol Cars answered 9,673 calls which included arrests, summons, accident investigations, ambulance service, escorts, notifications, etc.

The Detective Bureau investigated a total of 622 cases throughout the year. Twenty-seven of these cases were classified as unfounded and a majority of the others were solved and persons involved arrested or accounted for as well as property being either recovered or accounted for.

There were no homicides during the year and the other types of offenses include 112 burglaries or break and entering, 3 rape cases, 2 robberies, 3 manslaughters, 8 atrocious assault and battery cases, 20 auto thefts and 447 grand and petit larceny cases.

In the Identification Bureau there were 569 arrested persons fingerprinted and photographs taken of them. A total of 419 canvassers were fingerprinted and permits issued. A total of 15 crime photographs and accident pictures were taken during the year.

Our Safety and School Traffic Division had a total of 500 boys and girls on patrol duty at the various school crossings. Also 15 part time men employed to guard the most dangerous school crossings.

There were 510 motor vehicle accidents in the City resulting in the death of 3 persons and injury to 128 persons. During the year 1950 there were 843 apprehensions and 820 convictions for moving violations of the Motor Vehicle Laws.

Our free driver training course is still very popular and classes running regularly. Our Psycho-Physical testing instruments also are being used by the High School Driver Training courses in the area.

### SAFETY EDUCATION

During the year, fifty-seven lectures were given on safety and the Plainfield Area Safety Councils. Six Safety motion picture films were shown to 12,135 persons. 335 school children have toured Police Headquarters and five adult groups totaling 87 persons, have also toured Headquarters and attended Court sessions.

### 1951 RECOMMENDATIONS

1. New Heating System at Police Headquarters and also a new roof on the present building.
2. Traffic lights at Watchung Avenue and East Fourth St., Watchung Avenue and East Third Street, West Front St. and Madison Avenue, West Front Street and Grove Street, East Front Street and Church Street, and Church Street and East Second Street. All traffic lights to be synchronized.

In closing, I wish to thank you for the aid and assistance rendered to this Department during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,  
DANIEL J. GRAY,  
Chief of Police

# ANNUAL REPORT OF TRAFFIC BUREAU PLAINFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

## TRAFFIC ACCIDENT SUMMARY 1950

TYPE OF ACCIDENT	NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS			
	All Accidents	Fatal	Non- Fatal	Property Damage
Collision of Motor Vehicle with:				
Pedestrian .....	49	3	46	0
Other motor vehicle .....	403	0	59	344
Bicycle .....	12	0	7	5
Fixed object .....	6	0	1	5
Other object .....	2	0	1	1
Ran off roadway .....	37	0	14	23
Other non-collision .....	1	0	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>510</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>379</b>

## NUMBER OF PERSONS INJURED

	TOTAL	SEVERE	SLIGHT
Pedestrian .....	48	9	39
Other motor vehicle .....	84	14	70
Bicycle .....	7	0	7
Fixed object .....	1	0	1
Other object .....	2	0	2
Ran off roadway .....	13	5	8
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>155</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>127</b>

## NUMBER OF PERSONS KILLED

Pedestrian .....	3
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## DRIVERS VIOLATION INDICATED

	ALL ACCIDENTS	FATAL
Under influence of alcohol .....	30	
Exceeding stated speed limit .....	54	
Exceeding safe speed-but not stated speed .....	9	
Did not grant right of way to pedestrian .....	12	
Did not grant right of way to vehicle .....	52	
Following too closely .....	35	
Cutting in .....	3	
Other improper passing .....	10	
On wrong side of road-not in passing .....	6	
Failure to signal or improper signal .....	36	
Improper turn-wide right turn .....	4	
Same — Cut corner on left turn .....	12	
Other improper turning .....	3	
Disregard police officer .....	1	
Disregard Stop & Go light .....	14	
Disregard Stop sign or signal .....	82	
Disregard Warning sign or signal .....	19	
Improper starting from parked position .....	3	
Improper parking location .....	2	
Failed to turn on lights .....	1	
Other violations .....	13	
<b>Total Violations</b> .....	<b>401</b>	
Drivers — in violation .....	402	
Drivers — not in violations .....	484	3
<b>Total Drivers</b> .....	<b>886</b>	<b>3</b>
Accidents — involving violation .....	389	
Accidents — not involving violation .....	119	3
<b>Total Accidents</b> .....	<b>508</b>	<b>3</b>

## OTHER SAFETY ACTIVITIES

Safety Patrols are operating efficiently in all schools. We have 500 boys and girls serving on the Safety patrols.

## SCHOOL TRAFFIC

The following school crossings were protected by civilian special officers who were paid at the rate of \$3.00 per day. These men have done an excellent job of protecting the children.

E. Front Street & Faragut Road .....	Barlow School
South Ave. & Richmond Street .....	Bryant School
E. 7th Street & Central Street .....	Maxson School
E. 7th Street & Leland Ave. ....	Cook School
Evergreen Ave. & Edgewood Ave. ....	Evergreen School
Park Ave. & Stelle Ave. ....	Evergreen School
Madison Ave. & W. 4th Street .....	Franklin School
Arlington Ave. & W. 5th Street .....	Franklin School
Liberty Street & W. 4th Street .....	St. Mary's School



Plainfield Ave. & W. 8th Street .....	Hubbard School
Spooner Ave. & W. 4th Street .....	Washington School
Monroe Ave. & W. 4th Street .....	Irving School
Clinton Ave. & So. 2nd Street .....	Jefferson School
Clinton Ave. & W. Front Street .....	Jefferson School
Clinton Ave. & Myrtle Ave. ....	Jefferson School

Also regular police at Park Ave & 9th Street, W. 5th Street and Liberty Street and mornings only at Richmond Street & E. Front.

### DRIVER TRAINING

Our free driver training course is still very popular and classes running regularly. Our Psycho-Physical testing instruments also are being used by the High School Driver Training courses in the area.

Our Safety Officer was again assigned to the Union County Chief's of Police School of Basic Training to serve as assistant Dean.

### 1950 STOLEN CARS

Total Automobiles stolen in Plainfield .....	23
Recovered by Plainfield Police .....	10
Recovered by other Police for Plainfield .....	10
Recovered by owner .....	2
Not recovered .....	1
Total .....	23
Automobiles stolen with keys in car .....	21
Automobiles stolen with keys not in car .....	2
Total .....	23
Value of Plainfield Stolen cars .....	\$16,725.00
Automobiles recovered by Plainfield police for other police .....	7

### ACCIDENTS vs ENFORCEMENT

Year	Accidents	Injured	Killed	PI & F Accidents	Apprehensions	Convictions
1940	642	229	6	177	1459	1229
1941	452	213	2	167	1584	1513
1942	331	156	7	117	579	562
1943	270	150	3	126	331	307
1944	263	135	1	107	610	592
1945	320	127	4	107	822	801
1946	350	105	3	85	1233	1197
1947	444	144	3	133	1520	1506
1948	415	121	2	91	1890	1866
1949	386	117	4	101	1144	1123
1950	510	155	3	131	843	820

### MUNICIPAL COURT — POLICE DEPARTMENT of PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY

Analysis of Drunken Driving Cases Processed  
Period From: January 1, 1950 to December 31, 1950

### RECAPITULATION

TOTAL	Examined — Clinical only .....	8
	Freed on examination .....	4
	Freed by Court .....	0
	Convicted — guilty plea .....	0
	Convicted — Trial .....	3
	Pending .....	1
TOTAL	Chemical test .....	94
	Freed on examination .....	21
	Freed by court .....	0
	Convicted — Guilty plea .....	54
	Convicted — Trial .....	12
	Pending .....	7
	GRAND TOTAL .....	102
TOTAL	Refused any chemical test .....	6
	Consenting to Blood Sample .....	67
	Refused consent for Blood Sample .....	9

### REASON FOR ARREST

Involved in Accidents .....	42
Traffic Violation .....	31
Driving Conduct .....	29
GRAND TOTAL .....	102

# REPORT OF THE CLERK OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT

To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council  
of the City of Plainfield, N. J.

Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit herewith my YEARLY REPORT, as CLERK OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD, for the year ending, December 31st, 1950, as follows:

Offense	Con- victions	Dis- missals	With- drawn	Bond For- feiture
1. Causing Death by Carelessly Driving Vehicle .....	3			
2. Advocating or Threatening to take a life ....	1			
3. Rape .....	1			
4. Robbery .....	3			
5. Assault with Intent to Kill .....	1			
6. Atrocious Assault & Battery .....	6			
7. Burglary .....	5			
8. Attempt Burglary .....	1			
9. Breaking, Entering & Larceny .....	4		1	
10. Grand Larceny (\$50.00 and over) .....	8			
11. Grand Larceny (\$21.00 to \$50.00) .....	3	1	2	
12. Petty Larceny (\$5.00 to \$20.00) .....	8	1	1	
13. Larceny to Automobiles, .....	2		1	
14. Assault & Battery .....	68	42	26	
15. Resisting Arrest .....	1	3		
16. Assault .....	3		3	
17. Conversion .....		1		
18. False Swearing .....		1		
19. Selling Borrowed Property .....	1			
20. Obtaining Goods or money by False Pretense .....	5	1	1	
21. Removing or Secreting Mortgaged Goods ....			1	
22. Worthless Checks .....	4		2	
23. Receiving Stolen Property .....	3	2	1	
24. Possession Stolen Automobile .....	2			
25. Carrying Concealed Weapons .....	4	2	2	
26. Bastardy .....	1	1		
27. Lewdness .....	1		1	
28. Abandonment .....	1			
29. Desertion & Non-Support .....	4			
30. Non-Support .....	22	3	1	
31. Selling Liquor (State) .....	2			
32. Selling Liquor (City) .....	3	1		
33. Disorderly House (Liquor) .....	1			
34. Drunk & Disorderly .....	56	10	2	
35. Public Intoxication .....	132	5	2	5
36. Disorderly Conduct .....	162	70	19	3
37. Maintaining Gambling Premises (State) .....	4		1	
38. Maintaining Gambling Premises (City) .....	4		1	
39. Lotteries (State) .....	1			
40. Gambling (City) .....	3			
41. Driving under Influence of Liquor .....	75			
42. Careless or Reckless Driving .....	77	8	3	
43. Driving Without License .....	34	1		1
44. Driving after Revocation of License .....	14			
45. Defective Equipment .....	14	1		
46. Failing to Display Name .....	3			
47. Leaving Scene of Accident .....	6	1	2	
48. Passing Red Light .....	63	4	1	1
49. Passing Stop Sign .....	227	3	1	
50. Speeding .....	264			
51. Pk. Prob. Area .....	402	17		
52. Pk. Overtime .....	355			
53. Pk. Overtime (Meters) .....	6,399	215		
54. Pk. without Lights .....	562	8		
55. Pk. 50' Stop Sign .....	280	7		
56. All other Parking Violations .....	251			
57. All other Moving Violations .....	112	7		
58. Arson & Attempts .....	16	1		
59. Attempt Suicide .....		2		
60. Contempt of Court .....	234	1		1
61. Fugitive from Justice .....	24			
62. Material Witness .....	2	13		
63. Fireworks Law (State) .....	3			
64. Health Act (State) .....	2			
65. Milk Act (State) .....	1			
66. Anti-Noise Ordinance .....	1	1		
67. Building Code .....	4			
68. Board & Lodging Ordinance .....			15	

	Offense	Con- victions	Dis- missals	With- drawn	Bond For- feiture
69.	Discharging Firearms .....	1	1		
70.	Dogs, No License .....	111	3		
71.	Dogs, Barking .....	1			
72.	Dogs, Running at Large .....	16	1		
73.	Fires on Street .....	2			
74.	Health Violations, (City) .....	145	7	3	
75.	Light Traffic Streets .....	2			
76.	Peddling without a License .....	1	1		2
77.	Strewing Streets with Rubbish .....	1			
78.	Soliciting & Canvassing .....	1	1		
79.	Loud Speakers & Sound Wagons .....		3		
80.	Larceny (Under \$5.00) .....	1			
	Totals: .....	10,243	451	93	13

#### REMITTANCE REPORT

##### Receipts:

Cash .....	\$38,165.50
Bond Forfeitures .....	184.00
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	\$38,349.50

##### Disbursements:

Total amount of fines turned over to the County Clerk covering cases on Appeal .....	\$ 442.00
Total amount of fines turned over to State Motor Vehicle Department for Motor Vehicle Violations .....	100.00
Total amount of fines turned over to Arthur N. Pierson, County Treasurer, for Motor Vehicle Violations .....	19,625.00
Total amount of fines turned over to Board of Health for Health Violations .....	473.00
Total amount of fines and collections turned over to Fred T. Jacobs, City Treasurer, as follows:	
Fines .....	\$ 4,959.00
Court Costs .....	12,059.25
Miscellaneous Revenue .....	691.25
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	17,709.50
Total Disbursements: .....	<hr/>
	\$38,349.50

Dated: Plainfield, N. J.

February 1st, 1951.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph W. Nevins, Clerk.

Municipal Court of Plainfield.



## **SIXTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT BOARD OF HEALTH**

December 31, 1950

To the Honorable Mayor and  
The Common Council of the  
City of Plainfield, New Jersey

Gentlemen:

Herewith is presented the sixty-second Annual Report and the detailed statistics of the Health Department for the year 1950.

Judge Benjamin N. Cardozo of the New York Court of Appeals has said "The health of a community, we have discovered, thanks to science, has more to do with the general prosperity and welfare of a state than its wealth or its learning or its culture . . . ."

Below are outlined several programs now being advanced by this Department.

### **Dog Inoculation Clinics**

Twenty-one free dog inoculation clinics were held this year at which time 1,704 dogs and 21 cats were administered the anti-rabies vaccine.

It was necessary to take a number of persons into court during 1950 for non-compliance with our compulsory dog inoculation ordinance. To avoid repetition of such court action, the cooperation of dog owners in observing this ordinance is earnestly anticipated this coming year.

### **Rat Control**

During the year, a rodent survey was made, especially in food establishments. We were fortunate in being granted the services of rodent control specialists from the United States Public Health Service who had been assigned to the New Jersey State Department of Health.

This survey did not reveal any serious rat conditions but numerous instances of heavy mouse infestations were found, as a result of which this program will be diligently carried on in the future.

The Pest Control Operators in the City of Plainfield were invited to a meeting at which time they were advised as to their obligations to both the public and the concerns who were paying for their services as extreme carelessness and negligence was noted on inspections made by representatives of this Department.

### **Water Supply**

During 1950 it was necessary for the Plainfield Union Water Company to secure additional supplies to augment their well water which had previously supplied all of the City of Plainfield and vicinity.

This additional supply was secured from the Elizabeth Town Water Company, the source of which was the Millstone and Raritan Rivers.

Numerous complaints were received from the citizens of Plainfield regarding the taste and odor but samples taken by this Department revealed that the water was bacteriologically potable.

A Senior Sanitary Engineer from the State Department of Health has also taken samples at various parts of the city and his report is expected in the near future at which time his findings will be revealed.

### **Food Handlers' School**

A foodhandlers' school is being planned for 1951. Material for this course is now being secured and it is anticipated that it will assist materially in having public health technique used in the eating and drinking establishments in this city.

## Tuberculosis X-Ray Mobile Unit

1,947 persons were x-rayed during a period of five days by the mobile unit from the Division of Tuberculosis Control, New Jersey State Department of Health. Approximately 100 persons were referred as cases needing follow-up due to findings in the x-ray film.

33 new cases of tuberculosis in the City of Plainfield were reported this year.

It is hoped that when the mobile unit visits this city again during the month of May 1951, many more persons will avail themselves of the opportunity to have their chests x-rayed at no cost.

The State Department of Health has promulgated a regulation whereby persons employed in public health laboratories as laboratory technicians must secure a license to perform these duties from the State Department of Health.

During the year, the facilities for the care of communicable disease patients in the isolation ward at Muhlenberg Hospital were enlarged and that institution was presented with a new iron lung by the Kiwanis Club.

It is recommended that serious consideration be given the following items which will materially assist this Department to operate a well rounded health program:

1. An additional sanitarian
2. Municipal collection of garbage and rubbish
3. Revision of the Sanitary Code
4. Revision of the Plumbing Code
5. Continuation of the free dog inoculation clinics.

The assistance rendered by the staff, members of the Board, Mayor, Common Council, civic organizations and all persons in making our program possible is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

R. STORY ROWLAND  
President

FRANK M. DOUGHTY  
Secretary and Health Officer

### VITAL STATISTICS

	Occurring in city	*Occurring out of City	Total Residents	Non-Res.	Total
Marriages .....	326	125	451	131	582
Births .....	852	81	933	1704	2637
Stillbirths .....	21	0	21	36	57
Deaths .....	364	73	437	236	673
	1563	279	1842	2107	3949

### COMPARATIVE TABLES

#### Residents

(Rates are per thousand population and are based on total residents)

Year	Marriages		Births		Stillbirths		Deaths	
	No.	Rates	No.	Rates	No.	Rates	No.	Rates
1944	299	7.7	729	18.8	22	56	412	10.6
1945	357	9.2	666	17.0	16	41	421	10.7
1946	499	12.7	852	21.6	20	50	417	10.6
1947	541	13.6	1007	25.4	24	60	407	10.0
1948	462	11.5	927	23.2	25	62	378	9.4
1949	421	10.5	928	23.0	18	44	408	10.1
1950	451	10.0	933	22.1	21	49	437	10.3

\* These figures are obtained from copies of certificates received from other municipalities

# NATIONALITY TABLES MARRIAGES, BIRTHS, STILLBIRTHS, DEATHS

	Marriages		Births		Stillbirths		Deaths
	Brides	Bridegrooms	Mothers	Fathers	Mothers	Fathers	
Austria-Hungary .....	0	0	0	1	0	0	6
England .....	1	1	3	4	0	0	12
France .....	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Germany .....	0	3	3	4	0	0	11
Ireland .....	0	0	2	0	0	0	9
Italy .....	2	7	3	14	0	0	21
Russia .....	1	0	1	1	0	0	7
Scotland .....	1	3	1	1	0	0	5
United States .....	317	305	819	794	20	20	265
Other Countries .....	4	7	20	18	1	1	26
Not Stated .....	0	0	0	14	0	0	0
	326		852		21		364

## MARRIAGES

The following will show the marriages according to age:

	Brides	Bridegrooms
Minors .....	12	29
Under 25 years .....	198	120
25 — 30 years .....	65	93
30 — 35 years .....	17	40
35 — 40 years .....	14	12
40 — 45 years .....	7	15
45 — 50 years .....	1	2
50 — 55 years .....	5	4
55 — 60 years .....	4	3
Over 60 years .....	3	8

The following table will show the number of first, second and third marriages:

First .....	289	284
Second .....	36	41
Third .....	1	1

White .....	270	270
Negro .....	56	56

## BIRTHS

	Sex		White	Color	Negro
	Male	Female			
	426	426	698		154
	852		852		
Number of children born in hospital .....					827
Number of children born at home .....					25
					852
Number attended by physicians .....					851
Number attended by midwife .....					1
					852

## STILLBIRTHS

	Sex		White	Color	Negro
	Male	Female			
	14	7	11		10
	21		21		

## PERIOD OF GESTATIONS

	40 Weeks	35-40 Weeks	30-35 Weeks	25-30 Weeks	20-25 Weeks	Total
Native White .....	9	4	3	1	3	20
Negro .....	1	0	0	0	0	1
	10	4	3	1	3	21

## NUMBER OF CHILDREN OF MOTHER

	Native White	Negro	Total
First .....	7	0	7
Second .....	3	0	3
Third .....	7	1	8
Fourth .....	0	0	0
Fifth .....	0	0	0
Sixth .....	0	0	0
Seventh .....	0	0	0
Eighth .....	1	0	1
Ninth .....	1	0	1
Tenth .....	1	0	1
	20	1	21



PLACE OF STILLBIRTHS	
Hospital .....	19
At Home .....	2
	21

CAUSE OF STILLBIRTHS	
Undetermined .....	8
Premature separation of placenta .....	4
Asphyxiation .....	1
Anoxia .....	4
Difficult delivery .....	1
Cord around neck .....	1
Short cord .....	1
Atelectasis .....	1
	21

DEATHS									
Sex		Color			Conjugal State				
Male	Female	White	Negro	Single	Married	Widowed	Divorced	Total	
183	181	310	54	66	169	122	7	364	
364		364			364				

AGES	
Under 1 week .....	13
1 week — 1 month .....	2
1 month — 1 year .....	4
1 — 2 years .....	1
2 — 5 years .....	3
5 — 10 years .....	3
10 — 15 years .....	0
15 — 20 years .....	1
20 — 25 years .....	2
25 — 30 years .....	3
30 — 35 years .....	1
35 — 40 years .....	7
40 — 45 years .....	16
45 — 50 years .....	15
50 — 55 years .....	25
55 — 60 years .....	31
60 — 65 years .....	40
65 — 70 years .....	45
70 — 75 years .....	45
75 — 80 years .....	42
80 — 90 years .....	49
90 — 100 years .....	15
Over 100 years .....	1
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PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH		
A— 10	All other Syphilis .....	3
A— 20	Septicaemia and pyaemia .....	2
A— 34	Infectious hepatitis .....	1
A— 44	Malignant neoplasm of buccal cavity and pharynx .....	1
A— 45	Malignant neoplasm of oesophagus .....	2
A— 46	Malignant neoplasm of stomach .....	8
A— 47	Malignant neoplasm of intestine, except rectum .....	8
A— 48	Malignant neoplasm of rectum .....	2
A— 50	Malignant neoplasm of trachea, and of bronchus and lung not specified as secondary .....	9
A— 51	Malignant neoplasm of breast .....	8
A— 52	Malignant neoplasm of cervix uteri .....	1
A— 54	Malignant neoplasm of prostate .....	4
A— 56	Malignant neoplasm of bone and connective tissue .....	1
A— 57	Malignant neoplasm of all other and unspecified sites .....	11
A— 59	Lymphosarcoma and other neoplasms of lymphatic and haematopoietic system .....	3
A— 60	Benign neoplasms and neoplasms of unspecified nature .....	13
A— 62	Thyrotoxicosis with or without goiter .....	1
A— 63	Diabetes mellitus .....	14
A— 66	Allergic disorders; all other endocrine, metabolic and blood diseases .....	3
A— 68	Psychoneuroses and disorders of personality .....	1
A— 70	Vascular lesions affecting central nervous system .....	19
A— 71	Nonmeningococcal meningitis .....	1
A— 73	Epilepsy .....	1
A— 80	Chronic rheumatic heart disease .....	11
A— 81	Arteriosclerotic and degenerative heart disease .....	101
A— 82	Other diseases of heart .....	7
A— 83	Hypertension with heart disease .....	27
A— 84	Hypertension without mention of heart .....	15
A— 85	Diseases of arteries .....	14

A—86	Other diseases of circulatory system .....	1
A—87	Acute upper respiratory infections .....	1
A—88	Influenza .....	1
A—89	Lobar pneumonia .....	1
A—90	Bronchopneumonia .....	1
A—97	All other respiratory diseases .....	1
A—100	Ulcer of duodenum .....	2
A—102	Appendicitis .....	2
A—103	Intestinal obstruction and hernia .....	5
A—104	Gastro-enteritis and colitis, except diarrhoea of the newborn .....	1
A—105	Cirrhosis of liver .....	4
A—106	Cholelithiasis and cholecystitis .....	1
A—109	Chronic, other and unspecified nephritis .....	7
A—114	Other diseases of genito-urinary system .....	1
A—116	Toxaemias of pregnancy and the puerperium .....	1
A—117	Haemorrhage of pregnancy and childbirth .....	1
A—122	Arthritis and spondylitis .....	1
A—129	All other congenital malformations .....	3
A—130	Birth injuries .....	2
A—131	Postnatal asphyxia and atelectasis .....	2
A—133	Haemolytic disease of newborn .....	1
A—134	All other defined diseases of early infancy .....	2
A—135	Ill-defined diseases peculiar to early infancy, and immaturity unqualified .....	5
A—137	Ill-defined and unknown causes of morbidity and mortality .....	9
AE—138	Motor vehicle accidents .....	5
AE—139	Other transport accidents .....	1
AE—147	All other accidental causes .....	4
AE—148	Suicide and self-inflicted injury .....	3
AN—148	Burns .....	1
AN—149	Effects of poisons .....	1
AN—150	All other and unspecified effects of external causes .....	1

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#### INFANT MORTALITY

Year	*No. Births	No. Deaths Under one year	Infant Death Rate per 1,000 births
1940 .....	611	16	26.2
1941 .....	701	19	27.1
1942 .....	903	30	33.2
1943 .....	760	31	40.7
1944 .....	729	19	26.0
1945 .....	666	19	28.6
1946 .....	852	17	19.9
1947 .....	1007	22	21.8
1948 .....	927	22	23.7
1949 .....	928	23	24.8
1950 .....	933	19	20.3

\* This figure includes copies of birth certificates of Plainfield residents received from other municipalities.

Maternal death rate per 1,000 births .....0

#### INFANT MORTALITY CAUSES

Cause	White Color	Negro	Male Sex	Female	Under 1 day	1 — 7 days	7 days — 1 month	1 — 2 months	2 — 4 months	4 — 8 months	8 — 12 months	Total
Broncho-pneumonia .....	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Premature separation of placenta .....	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Accidental mechanical suffocation .....	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Unknown .....	2	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Prematurity .....	5	0	3	2	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
Nutritional maladjustment .....	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
Atelectasis .....	2	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Birth Injury .....	1	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Cleft palate .....	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Hydrocephalus .....	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Intestinal obstruction .....	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	15	4	10	9	2	10	3	0	2	1	1	19

# HEART DISEASE

	Male	Female
White .....	67	51
Negro .....	11	17
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Total.....	78	68

## AGES

20 — 30 years .....	0	2
30 — 40 years .....	0	2
40 — 50 years .....	10	4
50 — 60 years .....	11	4
60 — 70 years .....	25	12
70 — 80 years .....	21	20
80 — 90 years .....	6	17
90 — 100 years .....	5	7
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	78	68

## NATIVITY

Austria-Hungary .....	1	0
England .....	4	1
Germany .....	3	3
Ireland .....	3	2
Italy .....	1	6
Russia .....	4	1
Scotland .....	0	3
United States .....	54	47
Other Countries .....	8	5
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	78	68

## CONJUGAL STATE

Single .....	7	9
Married .....	54	21
Widowed .....	16	38
Divorced .....	1	0
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	78	68

## CANCER MALE — 31

ORGAN	White	Negro	30	40 years	50 years	60 years	70 years	80 years	90 years	Austria - Hungary	England	Ireland	Italy	Russia	Scotland	United States	Other Countries	Single	Married	Widowed	Divorced
Stomach .....	4	1	0	0	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	1	1	2	1	1
Kidney .....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Bronchogenic .....	4	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	0
Lung .....	5	0	0	0	1	2	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	4	1	0
Colon .....	3	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	0
Pancreas .....	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Liver .....	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Prostate .....	2	2	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	3	1	0
Rectum .....	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Intestines .....	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Esophagus .....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Lip .....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Tongue .....	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Testicle .....	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
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	26	5	1	2	10	8	8	2	1	1	0	3	0	1	22	3	3	24	3	1	

## FEMALE — 24

Heart .....	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Pelvis .....	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Gall Bladder .....	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Ovary .....	4	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	2	1	0	1	0
Breast .....	8	0	0	2	3	1	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	6	0	1	7	0	0	0
Stomach .....	3	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	1	0	0
Colon .....	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0
Rectum .....	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Liver .....	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0
Cervix .....	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
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	24	0	2	3	9	5	5	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	18	1	3	14	6	1



The following tables give data on the incidence of certain communicable diseases reported this year in comparison with three previous fifth years:

Disease	1935		1940		1945		1950	
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
Scarlet Fever .....	42	0	74	1	83	0	14	0
Diphtheria .....	13	0	2	0	2	0	0	0
Diphtheria Carriers .....	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Typhoid Fever .....	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Tuberculosis .....	31	8	24	1	28	3	33	0
Pneumonia .....	86	22	58	8	22	16	12	3
Influenza .....	3	2	1	1	1	1	0	0
Measles .....	587	0	189	0	12	0	1131	0
German Measles .....	31	0	3	0	15	0	51	0
Chickenpox .....	102	0	153	0	223	0	309	0
Whooping Cough .....	84	0	55	0	93	0	59	0
Trichinosis .....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Polio myelitis .....	8	2	1	0	7	0	8	0
Smallpox .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spinal Meningitis .....	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0
Mumps .....	9	0	20	0	127	0	346	0
Miscellaneous .....	6	1	46	0	4	0	*1	0
	1003	35	628	11	619	21	1965	3

\* Amoebic Dysentery

#### TUBERCULOSIS

Under 20	Ages				Color			Sex	M	F	Conjugal State		
	20-40	40-60	60-80	80+	White	Negro	Mongoloid				S	M	W
2	15	11	5		20	12	1		22	11	1	30	2
	Deaths of residents in Plainfield .....										0		
	Deaths of residents out of Plainfield .....										6		
	Number of deaths of cases reported in 1950 .....										2		
	Number of deaths of cases reported prior to 1950 .....										4		
	Case rate per 1,000 population .....										.78		
	* Death rate per 1,000 population .....										.14		
	Percentage of all deaths .....										1.37		

\* Based on total deaths of residents in Plainfield and out of Plainfield

#### 1950 ANNUAL REPORT — VENEREAL DISEASE

	Syphilis	Gonorrhea	Total
New cases admitted to V. D. Clinic: .....	50	47	97
Total cases under treatment: .....	215	87	302
Number of cases discharged as arrested or cured: .....	21	33	54
Discharged to other care: .....	15	5	20
Discontinued treatment without permission: .....	3	—	3
Patients deceased: .....	1	—	1
Patients examined — Not infected with V.D. ....			63

#### Number of Treatments:

##### Syphilis and Gonorrhea

Penicillin: .....	294
Patients treated with Penicillin — Hospitalized .....	11
Patients treated with Penicillin — ambulatory .....	22

Blood tests	Spinal tests	Smears	Cultures
544	30 Cisternals 7 Lumbar punctures	185	182

Total number of clinic visits for treatment, examination or advice:	
White .....	201
Colored .....	927
Total: .....	1,128

Total number visits in clinic daily sessions: 217

Total clinic sessions for Penicillin Ambulatory Treatments 128

Total Number of Free Visits: 222

Total Cash collected: \$384.40  
(To Muhlenberg Hospital)

#### New patients were referred to clinic from:

Hospital (Muhlenberg) and clinics .....	17
Self .....	19
Private Physicians .....	7
Employment examination .....	9
Health Officer .....	3
Other clinics .....	5
Parole Officer .....	1
Contacts .....	28
State Prisons .....	2
Army .....	2
Displaced Persons .....	1
Veterans Administration .....	3

Total: 97

Patients referred from Clinic to other care:	
Private Physician .....	6
Clinics .....	8
Union County Jail .....	2
Army .....	1
Halloran Hospital .....	1
Reform school .....	2
Total: .....	20
Plainfield Home Visits .....	306

The following analyses were done in our laboratory for the year 1950:

PATHOLOGICAL:		
Diphtheria .....		6
Tuberculosis .....		82
Gonorrhea — Cultures .....	179	
Smears .....	681	860
Vincent's Angina .....		9
Rabies .....		2
Mazzini Tests — Blood .....	5177	
Spinal .....	5	5182
Typhoid — Serological .....		9
Malaria .....		2
Undulant Fever .....		7
Feces — Intestinal Parasites .....		2
R.H. Factor .....		1634
Kahns .....		85

#### FOODS AND DRUGS:

Milk:		
Bacterial Counts .....		861
Fats and Chemistry .....		785
Phosphatase Tests .....		861
B. Coli Examinations .....		861
Cream:		
Bacterial Counts .....		167
Fats .....		165
Phosphatase Tests .....		167
B. Coli Examinations .....		167
Water: Potable		
Bacterial Examinations .....		182
Water: Swimming Pool and Other		
Bacterial Examinations .....		23
Swabs on eating and drinking utensils .....		667

The following inspections were made in connection with food and drinks:

MILK		
Receiving stations .....	0	
Creameries and pasteurizing plants .....	2	
Dairies .....	13	
Routine milk samples .....	991	1006

FOOD SAMPLES		
Swab Samples .....	594	
Talks on utensil sterilization .....	16	
Miscellaneous .....	4	614

FOOD SUPPLY		
Bakeries .....	10	
Confectionery, soda, ice cream, etc. ....	35	
Food exposure .....	29	
Food stands .....	12	
Grocery stores .....	47	
Meat markets .....	59	
Delicatessens .....	7	
Restaurant, hotels, etc. ....	21	
Bars and taverns .....	29	
Miscellaneous .....	134	383

WATER SUPPLY		
Inspections .....	18	
Samples collected .....	158	176
		2,179

## FOOD EMBARGOED OR CONDEMNED

87 1/2	quarts of milk
1 1/2	quarts of heavy cream
69	7 oz. bottles chocolate fluid beverage
2	quarts of Jello
24	boxes of Starlac
1	gallon alphabet soup
15	packages vegetable noodle soup
81 1/2	cans "Manah"
5	pounds of rice
15	pounds of ground cocoanut
20	pounds of starch
5	pounds of tapioca
5	pounds of strawberries
35	pounds of chicken
8	pounds of turkey
77	boxes 25X hamburgers
23	boxes 30X hamburgers
7	boxes 18S steaks
2	boxes 8R steaks
8	boxes 12R steaks
2	T-bone steaks
5	8 oz. steaks

## GENERAL SANITATION

### General Inspections:

Back yards	181	
Barber shops, etc.	57	
Boarding and lodging homes	16	
Factories	1	
Housing	230	
Poultry yards	5	
Public toilets	2	
Swimming pools	62	
Miscellaneous	423	977

### Complaints:

Original inspections	661	
Re-inspections	1062	
Notices served	537	
Cases in court	67	
Miscellaneous	451	2778

### Plumbing:

Water tests	204	
Air tests	204	
Additions and alterations	484	
Old systems	59	
Iron sewer connections	170	
Miscellaneous	180	1301

## ADMINISTRATIVE

Meetings and Conferences	246	
Office hearings	146	
Lectures	18	
Miscellaneous	9	419

## COMPLAINTS

### Causes for which complaints were made:

Improper garbage disposal and burning garbage	183
Violation of rabies ordinance	111
Rats	73
Insufficient heat and no heat	65
Defective plumbing	29
Ragweed and Poison Ivy	28
Bad odor and taste of water	28
Vermin infestation	13
Insanitary conditions of premises	12
No water	12
Offensive fumes and odors	11
Improper sanitization and handling of eating utensils	7
Exposure of food	7
Overcrowded conditions	6
Insufficient toilet facilities	5
Pigeons or chickens at large	5
Doing business without a license	5
Food unfit for human consumption	5
Insanitary chicken yards	3
Stagnant water	2
Mosquito breeding	1
Misbranding of foods	1
Miscellaneous	48

Total 661



# ANIMAL BITES

Number of persons bitten by animals .....		139
Animal brains examined in Board of Health Laboratory:		
Positive .....	0	
Negative .....	2	2
Animal brains sent to State Department of Health Laboratory:		
Negative .....	1	1
Number of persons taking antirabic treatment .....		0
Number of anti-rabic inoculation clinics held during 1950 .....		21
Number of animals inoculated:		
Cats .....	21	
Dogs .....	1,704	1,725

# LICENSES AND PERMITS ISSUED

Plumbing:		
Permits .....	611	
Licenses .....	66	677
Barber shops and hairdressing establishments .....		115
Ice .....		11
Garbage .....		50
Offal .....		2
Poultry slaughter house .....		4
Food Establishments .....		467
Milk:		
Regular dealers .....	51	
Stores .....	115	166
		1,492

# REPORT OF THE PLUMBERS' EXAMINING BOARD

December 31, 1950

To the Board of Health  
Plainfield, New Jersey

Gentlemen:

The following is submitted as the report of the Plumbers' Examining Board for the year 1950:

Number examinations held .....	4
Number applicants examined .....	12
Number Master Plumbers' licenses issued .....	9

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD E. HANN, Secretary  
Plumbers' Examining Board

# REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE SINKING FUND COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD — DECEMBER 31, 1950

## RECEIPTS:

Balance January 1, 1950 .....		\$ 596.91
Interest .....	\$ 3,731.18	
City of Plainfield — Bond Matured .....	1,000.00	
City of Plainfield — 1950 Appropriation .....	1,594.66	
City of Plainfield — Deficit Earnings .....	655.32	
City of Plainfield — Notes Paid .....	58,336.61	
U. S. Treasury Bond Matured .....	10,000.00	75,317.77
		<u>75,914.68</u>

## DISBURSEMENTS:

City of Plainfield — For Maturing Bonds .....	3,000.00	
City of Plainfield — Bond Anticipation Notes .....	14,556.61	
Accrued Interest — Bond Anticipation Notes .....	30.35	
City of Plainfield — General Improvement Bonds .....	55,000.00	
Accrued Interest — General Improvement Bonds .....	53.35	72,640.31
		<u>72,640.31</u>
Cash Balance December 31, 1950 .....	\$ 3,274.37	

## ASSETS:

Cash .....	\$ 3,274.37	
Securities .....	120,800.00	
Deficit Earnings .....	475.59	\$124,549.96
		<u>\$124,549.96</u>

## LIABILITIES:

Sinking Fund Requirements as per Law .....	120,520.87	
Surplus .....	4,029.09	\$124,549.96
		<u>\$124,549.96</u>

## SINKING FUND INVESTMENTS

Cash .....	\$ 3,274.37	
City Bonds at Par .....	74,000.00	
U. S. Treasury Bonds at Par .....	46,800.00	
Deficit in Earnings .....	475.59	\$124,549.96
		<u>\$124,549.96</u>

**PENSION COMMISSION — CITY OF PLAINFIELD, N. J.**  
**TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT — DECEMBER 31, 1950**

**RECEIPTS**

Cash Balance — January 1, 1950 .....		\$655.07
City of Plainfield — Salary Percentages .....	\$ 12,517.30	
City of Plainfield — Appropriations .....	12,517.30	
Interest — U.S. Treasury Bonds .....	\$2,283.09	
Municipal Bonds & Notes .....	2,139.93	
Bond & Mortgage .....	583.07	
Queen City Savings and Loan .....	82.75	5,088.84
Mortgage Reductions .....	2,539.26	
City of Plainfield — Appropriation .....	9,500.00	
State of N. J. — Tax from Insurance Companies .....	5,677.37	
State of N. J. — Subsidy Chapter 254, Laws of 1944 ....	9,766.56	
Sale of City of Plainfield Bond Anticipation		
Note to Sinking Fund Commission .....	8,000.00	
City of Plainfield — Bond Matured .....	1,000.00	
City of Plainfield — Notes Paid .....	60,000.00	
Sale of \$10,000 U.S. Treas. Bonds 2¼ 1956-1959 .....	10,000.00	
Profit on above Sale (Carried at Par) .....	256.25	
Sale of \$20,000 U.S. Treas. Bonds 2½ 1963-1968 .....	20,000.00	
Profit on above Sale (Carried at Par) .....	350.00	
Sale of \$20,000 U.S. Treas. Bonds 2½ 1967-1972 .....	20,000.00	
Profit on above Sale (Carried at Par) .....	143.75	
Police Dept. — Confiscated Monies .....	5.25	
Plainfield Trust Company — Donation .....	25.00	
Taxes collected monthly — 1015 West 5th Street,		
Plainfield, N. J. Mortgage — To be paid to Tax Collector		
as they become due .....	203.28	
Transfer from Investment Account — Queen City		
Savings and Loan Association .....	2,900.00	180,490.16
		<u>181,145.23</u>

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Police and Fire Pensions Paid .....	65,140.61	
Salvador Diana — Fees — T. P. Regan — Hearing .....	25.00	
Salvador Diana — Fees — T. J. Vesey — Hearing .....	25.00	
E. C. Burfeind — Steno. Serv. — T. P. Regan — Hearing .....	10.00	
E. C. Burfeind — Steno. Serv. — T. J. Vesey — Hearing .....	10.00	
Plainfield Trust Company — Safe Deposit Rental .....	10.00	
Howard W. Boise — Letter File .....	1.25	
H. Braverman & Company — Audit .....	125.00	
Plainfield Post Office — Stamped Envelopes .....	35.72	
City of Plainfield — Purchase of \$112,000 General		
Imp. 3½ % Bonds .....	112,000.00	
City of Plainfield — Accrued Interest on above Bonds ....	108.64	
Postage & Insurance — Sale of \$50,000 Treas. Bonds ....	10.92	
Taxes paid on property 1015 West 5th Street, Plainfield		
— from monies held in trust .....	197.58	
Transfer from Queen City Savings and Loan Assn. ....	3,000.00	180,699.72
Cash Balance — December 31, 1950 .....	\$ 445.51*	

\* Included in Cash Balance of \$445.51 is \$39.59 of Trust Funds held for payment of taxes 1015 West 5th Street.

**VALUE OF PENSION FUND**

Cash .....	\$ 445.51
Bonds & Mortgages .....	9,093.50
Cash — Queen City Savings and Loan Association .....	100.00
U.S. and Municipal Bonds and Notes .....	154,500.00
	<u>\$164,139.01</u>
Value of Pension Fund — December 31, 1949 .....	\$173,787.83
Value of Pension Fund — December 31, 1950 .....	164,139.01
Decrease in Value of Fund — 1950 .....	<u>\$ 9,648.82</u>



# MEMORANDUM OF INVESTMENTS

City of Plainfield — General Improvement Bonds .....	\$112,000.
3½ % — Dated 12/1/50	
\$11,000. due 12/1/51	
11,000. due 12/1/52	
11,000. due 12/1/53	
12,000. due 12/1/54	
12,000. due 12/1/55	
11,000. due 12/1/56	
11,000. due 12/1/57	
11,000. due 12/1/58	
11,000. due 12/1/59	
11,000. due 12/1/60	
City of Plainfield — School Bonds — 4½ % .....	3,000.
\$1,000. due 7/1/56	
1,000. due 7/1/57	
1,000. due 7/1/58	
U.S. Treasury 2½ % 1967-72 .....	29,500.
U.S. Treasury 2⅞ % 1955-60 .....	10,000.
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	\$154,500.
All Bonds carried at par.	

## LIST OF FIRST MORTGAGES

December 31, 1950

Location of Property	Original Amount	Present Amount
1105 Lorraine Avenue .....	\$5,000.00	\$ 2,917.30
1148 Kensington Avenue .....	6,000.00	2,900.00
1015 West 5th Street .....	3,800.00	1,677.20
911 Leland Avenue .....	4,000.00	1,600.00
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		\$ 9,094.50

# REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Collector's Statement Required Pursuant to Chapter 115—Title 54:4-91-Laws 1944  
City of Plainfield—County of Union—For Year Ending December 31, 1950.

Cash Receipts			
	(1)	(2)	(3)
Total Duplicate 1950 .....		3,584,545.62	
Added by Chap. 397 P.L. 1941 .....		24,649.64	
Other Additions .....		993.02	
Total .....			<u>3,610,188.28</u>
Collected (insert Amt in col 1 & 2) .....	3,400,473.17	3,400,473.17	
Cancelled-Remitted .....		16,578.43	
Transferred To			
Tax Title Liens & Fore. Property .....		1,027.31	
Discount .....		None	
Total Credits .....			3,418,078.91
Balance .....			<u>192,109.37</u>
			<u>3,610,188.28</u>
Delinquent Taxes 1940 to 1949 .....		195,841.17	
Added Taxes .....		26.80	
Total Delinquents .....			<u>195,867.97</u>
Collected (insert Amt in Col 1 & 2) .....	180,077.88	180,077.88	
Cancelled-Remitted .....		547.35	
Transferred to Tax Title Liens .....		278.10	
Total Credits .....			180,903.33
Balance .....			<u>14,964.64</u>
			<u>195,867.97</u>
Tax Title Liens Jan. 1st .....		5,607.05	
Added by Sale .....		2,506.52	
Added by Transfers .....		None	
Total .....			<u>8,113.57</u>
Redemptions			
(insert Amt in Col 1 & 2) .....	37.39	37.39	
Transfers to Foreclosed Property .....		None	
Adjustments .....		None	
Total Credits .....			37.39
Balance .....			<u>8,076.18</u>
Other Cash Receipts (Specify)			
Franchise Taxes .....	154,715.75		
Gross Receipts Taxes .....	70,333.38		
Interest & Costs .....	16,799.23		
Search Fees .....	1,879.25		
Collection Fees-Delinquent Taxes .....	884.31		
Assessments .....	47,033.16		
Overpayment of Taxes .....	2,268.54		
Overpayment of Interest .....	37.43		
1949 Franchise Business Tax .....	5,540.08		
Total Cash Receipts .....	<u>3,880,079.57</u>		
Total Paid Treasurer .....	<u>3,880,079.57</u>		

Certified Correct,

John W. Regan

Collector of Taxes - Temporary

# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CITY TREASURER

December 31, 1950

To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council  
City of Plainfield, New Jersey

Gentlemen:

The financial condition of the City is reflected by comparative balance sheets of the several accounts, viz:

Exhibit	A	Current Account
	B	Capital Account
	C	Trust Account
	D	Welfare Account
	E	Dog Fund Account
	F	State Housing Account

The cash position of these accounts is shown in Schedule Cash Reconciliation, together with Schedule, U. S. Government Securities totaling \$2,211,571.98.

## CURRENT ACCOUNT—EXHIBIT A

The Surplus Revenue Account shows an increase of \$57,044.03 for the year being mainly due to the repayments of loans advanced during 1949 to the Capital and Trust Accounts.

The 1950 Tax Levy, after adjustments due to remissions and transfers to tax title liens, amounted to \$3,592,582.54. Of this amount \$3,400,473.17 was collected during 1950, leaving a balance at year end of \$192,109.37.

Adjusted delinquent taxes including tax title liens at the beginning of the year amounted to \$203,156.09. During 1950 \$180,115.27 was collected leaving a balance at year end of \$23,040.82.

## CAPITAL ACCOUNT—EXHIBIT B

At the beginning of 1950 there was an unexpended balance of various Capital Improvements accounts in the amount of \$1,509,610.19. Authorizations during 1950 amounted to \$377,000.00. 1950 disbursements amount to \$747,450.81 with cancellations of \$60,107.92, leaving an unexpended balance at end of year 1950 of \$1,079,051.46.

### Bonded Indebtedness on December 31, 1950:

School Bonds .....	\$2,001,000.00
Less: Amount in Sinking Fund Pledged to Payment of Term Bonds .....	124,074.37
Net School Bonds .....	\$1,876,925.63
Municipal Serial Bonds .....	1,378,000.00
Net Bonded Debt .....	\$3,254,925.63

During the year \$1,400,000.00 of 20 year school bonds were offered for sale. Bonds in the amount of \$1,399,000.00 were purchased by Halsey, Stuart and Company, Inc. of New York City for \$1,400,664.81. The interest rate applied of 1½% is the lowest in the City's history. This issue covers the funding of the acquisition of lands and furnishing and construction of two (2) new schools.

Also during the year \$167,000.00 of 10 year general bonds were sold to the Sinking Fund and Pension Commission of the City of Plainfield at an interest rate of 3%. This issue covers the funding of the following general city improvements:

Improvement Hamilton Avenue and Bradford Street  
Sanitary Relief Sewer - Berckman Street  
Acquisition of Lands - Plainfield Avenue Playground  
City Yard Improvement  
Motor Equipment D.P.W.  
Storm Sewer - Denmark Road  
Sidewalks - West Front Street  
Fire Engine and Aerial Ladder Truck  
Improvement to Plainfield Avenue Playground

### TRUST ACCOUNT—EXHIBIT C

On December 31, 1950 unpaid assessments were recorded in the amount of \$18,136.87. During the year assessments totaling \$48,970.55 were confirmed. Collections during the year amounted to \$47,033.16. During the year \$1,129.03 of delinquent assessments were transferred to the tax title lien account. An appropriation of \$1,129.03 was made in the 1951 budget to cover the amount defaulted.

Reserve for Compensation Insurance. This account represents funds provided by budget appropriations of various years for establishment of a Compensation Insurance Fund for the purpose of underwriting compensation insurance obligations. At the beginning of 1950 this account had a balance of \$24,923.15 to which \$5,000.00 was added from annual budget appropriation, \$187.50 from interest on investments and \$2,603.25 was received from Indemnity Insurance Company of North America covering refund on Fire and Police accident of January 29, 1949, 1950 disbursements amounted to \$7,815.35, leaving a balance at end of year 1950 of \$24,898.55.

### WELFARE ACCOUNT—EXHIBIT D

This account represents funds received from the City by annual budget appropriations and from the State of New Jersey for its contribution for the purpose of paying poor relief commitments.

### DOG FUND—EXHIBIT E

This account represents funds received from the sale of dog licenses, etc. for the purpose of defraying the costs of operating the Dog Pound and anti-rabies clinics.

### STATE HOUSING—EXHIBIT F

This account represents funds received from rentals of the twenty (20) housing units for veterans constructed by the State of New Jersey, which funds are used for the payment of operating expenses, and the balance is held in escrow for the State of New Jersey.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND J. MYZIE,  
Supervisor of Municipal  
Finances and Accounts

Dated: May 2, 1951.

### CURRENT ACCOUNT COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

	EXHIBIT A	
	as of	
	January 1st 1950	December 31st 1950
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash .....	535,225.82	619,585.77
Petty Cash .....	220.00	220.00
U. S. Government Securities .....	625,000.00	615,000.00
Taxes Receivable Including Tax Title Liens .....	201,448.22	215,150.19
Foreclosed Property .....	72,300.00	61,650.00
Notes Receivable .....	33,500.00	23,250.00
Emergency Revenues .....	16,513.60	9,300.00
Accounts Receivable .....	22,784.59	50,730.59
	<u>1,506,992.23</u>	<u>1,594,886.55</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
1949 Budget Reserves .....	749,258.80	
1950 Budget Appropriation .....		776,200.68
Payable and Fund Accounts .....	6,203.73	10,113.13
Prepaid Revenues and Deposits .....	512.50	356.50
Reserves		
Taxes and Tax Title Liens .....	201,448.22	215,150.19
Foreclosed Property .....	72,300.00	61,650.00
Petty Cash Fund .....	220.00	220.00
Notes Receivable .....	33,500.00	23,250.00
Surplus Revenue .....	394,626.70	451,670.73
Accounts Receivable .....	22,784.59	50,730.59
Road Construction or Reconstruction with State Aid .....	26,137.69	5,544.73
	<u>1,506,992.23</u>	<u>1,594,886.55</u>



**CURRENT ACCOUNT**  
**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**

**RECEIPTS**

Petty Cash .....	300.00	
U. S. Government Securities .....	10,000.00	
Notes Receivable .....	52,663.94	
Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated .....	469,301.35	
Miscellaneous Revenues Not Anticipated .....	48,413.01	
1950 Prepaid Revenues .....	265.00	
From Dog Fund .....	1.25	
Delinquent Taxes & Tax Title Liens .....	180,115.27	
1950 Taxes .....	3,400,473.17	
Payable & Fund Accounts .....	39,417.34	
Total Receipts .....		4,200,950.33
Cash Balance, January 1, 1950 .....		535,225.82
		<u>4,736,176.15</u>

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Petty Cash .....	300.00	
Purchase of Notes .....	42,413.94	
Refund Overpayment 1949 Taxes .....	26.30	
1949 Appropriation Reserves .....	697,800.78	
Payable and Fund Accounts .....	39,106.82	
State Road Aid Appropriation .....	55,592.96	
1950 Appropriation Control .....	3,281,349.58	
Total Disbursements .....		4,116,590.38
Cash Balance, December 31, 1950 .....		619,585.77
		<u>4,736,176.15</u>

**CURRENT ACCOUNT**  
**CASH RECONCILIATIONS**

	Bank Balance 12/31/50	Checks Outstanding	Cash Balance 12/31/50
<b>BANK BALANCES</b>			
<b>GENERAL FUND:</b>			
Plainfield Trust Company .....	710,148.57	56,961.46	653,187.11
State Trust Company .....	100,000.00		100,000.00
Plainfield National Bank .....	50,000.00		50,000.00
Mid-City Trust Company .....	40,000.00		40,000.00
Central Federal Savings & Loan .....	10,000.00		10,000.00
Queen City Savings & Loan .....	10,000.00		10,000.00
<b>WELFARE FUND:</b>			
Plainfield Trust Company .....	27,356.26	163.85	27,192.41
<b>DOG FUND:</b>			
Plainfield Trust Company .....	3,475.37	130.80	3,344.57
<b>STATE HOUSING FUND:</b>			
Plainfield Trust Company .....	2,893.64	45.75	2,847.89
<b>CASH RELIEF:</b>			
Plainfield Trust Company .....	423.94	423.94	
	<u>954,297.78</u>	<u>57,725.80</u>	<u>896,571.98</u>

**CASH ACCOUNTS**

	Reference	Amount
Current Account .....	A	619,585.77
Capital Account .....	B	200,304.56
Trust Account .....	C	43,296.78
Welfare Account .....	D	27,192.41
Dog Fund Account .....	E	3,344.57
State Housing Account .....	F	2,847.89
		<u>896,571.98</u>

**U. S. GOVERNMENT SECURITIES**

	Balance 1/1/50	Purchased or Exchanged	Sold or Exchanged	Balance 12/31/50
Current Account .....	625,000.00	615,000.00	625,000.00	615,000.00
Capital Account .....		1,200,000.00	500,000.00	700,000.00
Trust Account .....	15,000.00		15,000.00	
	<u>640,000.00</u>	<u>1,815,000.00</u>	<u>1,140,000.00</u>	<u>1,315,000.00</u>

**CURRENT ACCOUNT  
STATEMENT OF BUDGET OPERATION**

	Debit	Credit
Excess in 1950 Required Tax Collections .....		161,543.91
Payment of Interfund Advances		
By Capital Account .....		33,500.00
By Trust Account .....		19,163.94
Miscellaneous Fund Accounts .....		47.18
1949 Appropriation Balances Cancelled .....		51,459.27
Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated .....		63,928.02
Miscellaneous Revenues Not Anticipated .....		48,488.01
Interfund Advance to Trust Account .....	42,413.94	
County's Share of Added Taxes .....	3,646.06	
Refund Overpayment of 1949 Taxes .....	26.30	
Balance to Surplus Revenue .....	332,044.03	
	<hr/> 378,130.33	<hr/> 378,130.33

**SURPLUS REVENUE ACCOUNT**

Balance, January 1, 1950 .....		394,626.70
1950 Budget Appropriation .....	275,000.00	
Balance of 1950 Budget Operation .....		332,044.03
Balance, December 31, 1950 .....	451,670.73	
	<hr/> 726,670.73	<hr/> 726,670.73

# CURRENT ACCOUNT—STATEMENT OF 1950 BUDGET REVENUES

Item No.		CASH REVENUES		DEFICITS*	
		1950 Budget	Cash in 1950	Cash from Prior Years	Excess Revenues
1.	Surplus Revenue Cash Appropriated .....	275,000.00		275,000.00	
2.	Miscellaneous Revenues:				
	Licenses .....	35,000.00	40,451.00		5,797.00
	Fees and Permits .....	12,000.00	18,227.25	346.00	6,227.25
	Fines .....	12,000.00	17,531.25		5,531.25
	Interest & Costs on Taxes and Assessments .....	12,000.00	16,799.00		4,799.00
	Bus Receipts Tax .....	13,000.00	13,114.17		114.17
	Motor Fuel Tax Refund .....	1,300.00	1,422.69		122.69
	Rental from Municipal Property .....	4,000.00	6,832.53		2,832.53
	Franchise Taxes .....	140,000.00	154,715.75		14,715.75
	Gross Receipts Taxes .....	65,000.00	70,333.38		5,333.38
	Parking Meters .....	65,000.00	72,462.73		7,462.73
	Off-Street Parking .....	20,000.00	27,788.10		7,788.10
	State Road Aid-Chapter 62, Laws of 1947 .....	27,946.00			27,946.00 *
	Recreation - Operation of Seidler Field .....	2,000.00	1,023.90		976.10 *
	Trust Surplus .....	360.00	360.00		
	Capital Surplus .....	7,228.60	7,228.60		
	Rental from Federal Housing Units .....	19,000.00	21,011.00		
3.	Total Miscellaneous Revenues .....	710,834.60	469,301.35	346.00	2,011.00
4.	Receipts from Delinquent Taxes .....	150,000.00	180,115.27		33,812.75
5.	Total Items 1, 3 and 4 .....	860,834.60	649,416.62	275,346.00	30,115.27
6.	Amount to be Raised by Taxation:				63,928.02
	Local Purpose Tax .....				
	Local District School Tax .....				
	County Tax .....				
	Sub-Total .....				
	Less: Reserve for Uncollected Taxes .....				
	Required Tax Collections .....				
7.	Total of General Budget Revenues .....	3,238,929.26	3,400,473.17		161,543.91
		4,099,763.86	4,049,889.79	275,346.00	225,471.93

## STATEMENT OF GENERAL BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS—1950

	APPROPRIATED			TRANSFERS	As Modified By All Transfers	EXPENDED	
	For 1950	For 1950 By Emergency Resolution	From			To	Paid or Charged
GENERAL GOVERNMENT (Total)							
Office of the Mayor and Governing Body	165,212.40	800.00	3,050.00	5,450.00	168,412.40	157,680.29	10,732.11
Salaries and Wages	400.00				400.00	400.00	
Other Expenses	671.00				671.00	424.64	246.36
Printing Yearly Report and Advertising—Other Expenses	1,900.00				1,900.00	1,641.81	258.19
League of Municipalities — Dues	500.00				500.00	478.00	22.00
City Planning Commission—Other Expenses	1,500.00				1,500.00	284.27	1,215.73
City Beautification Committee—Other Expenses	50.00			100.00	150.00	70.70	79.30
Office of the City Clerk							
Salaries and Wages	14,720.00				14,720.00	14,323.72	396.28
Other Expenses	1,571.40				1,571.40	1,465.38	106.02
Assessing Department							
Salaries and Wages — Regular	17,460.00				17,460.00	17,367.75	92.25
Salaries and Wages — Extra Help	1,600.00				1,600.00	758.00	842.00
Other Expenses	3,054.00				3,054.00	2,818.14	235.86
Tax Department							
Salaries and Wages — Regular	13,661.00		1,000.00		12,661.00	12,625.03	35.97
Salaries and Wages — Extra Help	3,000.00			1,800.00	4,800.00	3,904.69	895.31
Other Expenses	4,548.00				4,548.00	3,072.49	1,475.51
Annual Audit — Other Expenses	2,300.00				2,300.00	2,266.00	34.00
Department of Finance							
Salaries and Wages	14,330.00				14,330.00	14,251.00	79.00
Other Expenses	1,610.00				1,610.00	1,233.10	376.90
Insurance							
Fire	1,800.00			50.00	1,850.00	1,826.63	23.37
Automobile Liability & Property Damage	3,400.00		50.00		3,350.00	3,178.32	171.68
Workmen's Compensation	850.00				850.00	750.00	100.00
Surety Bonds for Employees	1,200.00				1,200.00	1,071.84	128.16
Election — Other Expenses	2,090.00				2,090.00	1,881.74	208.26
Legal — Salaries and Wages	9,740.00				9,740.00	9,740.00	
Other Expenses	567.50				567.50	300.51	266.99
Bond Attorney's Bond Issue Expense	400.00				400.00		400.00
Engineering							
Salaries and Wages	21,910.00		1,000.00		20,910.00	20,871.31	38.69
Other Expenses	785.50				785.50	669.90	115.60
Public Buildings & Grounds — City Hall & Parks							
Salaries and Wages	5,610.00			2,500.00	5,610.00	5,586.25	23.75
Other Expenses	8,928.00				11,428.00	9,951.89	1,476.11
Washington Headquarters — Other Expenses	100.00				100.00		100.00



# STATEMENT OF GENERAL BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS—1950

	APPROPRIATED		TRANSFERS	EXPENDED			
	For 1950	For 1950 By Emergency Resolution		From	To	As Modified By All Transfers	Paid or Charged
Welfare House — Other Expenses	928.00				928.00	601.45	326.55
Repairs to War Memorial — Other Expenses							
Zoning (Board of Adjustment)		800.00					
Salaries and Wages	640.00				800.00	775.00	25.00
Other Expenses	185.00				640.00	480.00	160.00
Board of Appeals — Salaries and Wages	100.00				185.00	136.46	48.54
Shade Tree Commission					100.00	20.00	80.00
Salaries and Wages	18,078.00		1,000.00		17,078.00	16,877.01	200.99
Other Expenses	5,025.00				6,025.00	5,493.26	531.74
PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY (Total)	647,702.99	3,500.00	3,715.00	2,000.00	649,487.99	607,223.68	42,264.31
Municipal Court — Salaries and Wages	4,700.00			200.00	4,900.00	4,760.00	140.00
Fire							
Salaries and Wages	209,627.25				209,627.25	206,809.94	2,817.31
Other Expenses	19,323.00				19,323.00	14,691.73	4,631.27
Fire Hydrants	64,732.00				64,732.00	48,548.93	16,183.07
Municipal Youth Guidance Council							
Salaries and Wages	1,190.00				1,190.00	1,046.10	143.90
Other Expenses	320.00				320.00	117.40	202.60
Police							
Salaries and Wages — Regular	214,409.64		2,495.00		211,914.64	208,726.24	3,188.40
Salaries and Wages — Irregular	8,620.00				8,620.00	7,687.00	933.00
Other Expenses	27,451.00				27,451.00	23,078.87	4,372.13
Traffic Signs and Road Markings							
Salaries and Wages	5,100.00			700.00	5,100.00	5,057.72	42.28
Other Expenses	2,100.00				2,800.00	2,509.47	290.53
Signal System — Fire, Police & Traffic							
Salaries and Wages	9,680.00		1,000.00		8,680.00	8,073.74	606.26
Other Expenses	11,983.90				12,983.90	11,625.28	1,358.62
Pension — Fire and Police							
Salaries and Wages	36,086.00				36,086.00	34,770.70	1,315.30
Inspection of Buildings							
Salaries and Wages	7,620.00	1,300.00	220.00	100.00	8,700.00	8,699.70	30
Other Expenses	712.20				812.20	778.65	33.55
Parking and Traffic Commission							
Salaries and Wages	12,440.00				12,440.00	10,831.41	1,608.59
Other Expenses	11,308.00				11,308.00	9,388.00	1,920.00
Civil Defense Council — Other Expenses	300.00	2,200.00			2,500.00	22.80	2,477.20

## STATEMENT OF GENERAL BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS—1950

	APPROPRIATED		TRANSFERS	As Modified	EXPENDED	
	For 1950	For 1950 By Emergency Resolution	From To	By All Transfers	Paid or Charged	Reserved
STREETS AND ROADS (Total) .....	169,038.55		2,180.00	168,458.55	150,224.58	18,233.97
Streets and Roads — Repairs and Maintenance						
Other Salaries and Wages .....	57,541.60		1,400.00	56,141.60	55,012.64	1,128.96
Other Expenses .....	31,792.95		780.00	31,012.95	27,859.02	3,153.93
Snow Removal .....	15,000.00			15,000.00	5,860.20	9,639.80
Street Lighting .....	46,900.00			46,900.00	42,974.51	3,925.49
Street Cleaning .....						
Salaries and Wages .....	11,050.00		500.00	11,550.00	11,854.92	195.08
Other Expenses .....	6,754.00		1,100.00	7,854.00	7,663.29	190.71
SANITATION (Total) .....	108,808.05	2,000.00	1,700.00	112,508.05	107,162.56	5,345.49
Sewers .....						
Salaries and Wages .....	24,477.20		400.00	24,877.20	24,777.21	99.99
Other Expenses .....	11,930.85	2,000.00	1,300.00	15,230.85	11,781.66	3,449.19
Joint Sewage Disposal Plant .....	72,400.00			72,400.00	70,603.69	1,796.31
HEALTH AND CHARITIES (Total) .....	168,474.00		110.00	168,474.00	165,421.45	3,052.55
Board of Health .....						
Salaries and Wages — Regular .....	24,085.00		110.00	24,195.00	24,188.49	6.51
Salaries and Wages — Clinician .....	300.00			300.00	300.00	
Other Expenses — Regular .....	7,079.00		110.00	6,969.00	5,580.38	1,388.62
Other Expenses — Child Hygiene .....	1,800.00			1,800.00	1,300.00	
Other Expenses — Joint Nursing Service .....	3,000.00			3,000.00	3,000.00	
Other Expenses — Venereal Disease Control Service .....	3,800.00			3,800.00	3,800.00	
Welfare Administration .....						
Salaries and Wages — Regular .....	14,520.00			14,520.00	13,704.22	815.78
Salaries and Wages — City Physician .....	2,000.00			2,000.00	2,000.00	
Other Expenses .....	3,890.00			3,890.00	3,048.36	841.64
Nursing and Infant Welfare Service .....	5,500.00			5,500.00	5,500.00	
Poor Relief .....	75,000.00			75,000.00	75,000.00	
Muhlenberg Hospital .....	28,000.00			28,000.00	28,000.00	
RECREATION AND EDUCATION (Total) .....	95,042.40	500.00	370.00	95,542.40	90,968.44	4,573.96
Recreation Commission .....						
Salaries and Wages — Regular .....	14,770.00			14,770.00	14,544.25	225.75
Salaries and Wages — Playground Supervisors etc. ....	14,640.00			14,640.00	13,310.43	1,329.57
Other Expenses .....	8,570.40			8,570.40	7,174.04	1,396.36
Plainfield Public Library .....						
Salaries and Wages .....	37,646.00		370.00	37,276.00	37,274.83	1.17
Other Expenses .....	14,416.00			14,786.00	14,002.85	783.15
Federal Housing Units Municipally Owned .....	5,000.00	500.00		5,000.00	4,588.69	411.31
Housing Authority Emergency Appropriation .....				500.00	73.35	426.65

# STATEMENT OF GENERAL BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS—1950

	APPROPRIATED		TRANSFERS		As Modified By All Transfers	EXTENDED	
	For 1950	For 1950 By Emergency Resolution	From	To		Paid or Charged	Reserved
UNCLASSIFIED PURPOSES (Total) .....	126,504.00	2,500.00	2,165.00	360.00	127,199.00	125,765.50	1,433.50
Payment of Claims — Memorial Day Expenses .....	500.00				500.00	500.00	
Inter-Municipal Group for Better Rail Service .....	765.00				765.00		765.00
State Employees' Retirement System for City Employees							
Current Contribution .....	16,801.00				16,801.00	16,801.00	
Accrued Liability .....	14,083.00				14,083.00	14,083.00	
Pensions: R.S. 43: 12-1 .....	2,145.00		360.00		2,505.00	2,505.00	
Reserve for Compensation Insurance .....	5,000.00				5,000.00	5,000.00	
Bonus for Employees .....	87,210.00		2,165.00		85,045.00	84,376.50	668.50
Payment to M. A. Carrigan for Injuries Received By Falling Piece of Tree .....		2,500.00			2,500.00	2,500.00	
CONTINGENT (Total) .....	5,000.00				5,000.00	2,785.45	2,214.55
Contingent .....	5,000.00				5,000.00	2,785.45	2,214.55
SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS AND CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS							
SALARIES AND WAGES .....	882,875.69				876,535.69	859,824.10	16,711.59
OTHER EXPENSES .....	602,906.70				618,546.70	547,407.85	71,138.85
TOTAL OPERATIONS (Total) .....	1,485,782.39	9,300.00	11,590.00	11,590.00	1,495,082.39	1,407,231.95	87,850.44
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS (Total) .....	119,275.00				119,275.00	119,275.00	
Capital Improvement Fund and Reserve for Down Payments .....	30,000.00				30,000.00	30,000.00	
Survey Sanitary Sewer System .....	4,275.00				4,275.00	4,275.00	
Down Payment \$1,000,000.00 Relief Sanitary Sewer Road Construction or Reconstruction with State Aid	50,000.00				50,000.00	50,000.00	
	35,000.00				35,000.00	35,000.00	
MUNICIPAL DEBT SERVICE (Total) .....	272,181.01				272,181.01	270,844.27	1,336.74
Payment of Bonds .....	139,000.00				139,000.00	139,000.00	
Interest on Bonds .....	56,560.50				56,560.50	56,560.50	
Interest on Current Loans .....	5,000.00				5,000.00	3,663.26	1,336.74
Payment of Bond Anticipation Notes .....	71,620.51				71,620.51	71,620.51	

# STATEMENT OF GENERAL BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS—1950

	APPROPRIATED		TRANSFERS	As Modified By All Transfers	EXPENDED	
	For 1950	For 1950 By Emergency Resolution			From	To
ARTICLE VI SCHOOL DEBT SERVICE (Total) .. 107,142.16						
Payment of Bonds .....	66,000.00			107,142.16	103,634.66	3,507.50
Interest on Bonds .....	39,547.50			66,000.00	66,000.00	
Sinking Fund Requirements .....	1,594.66			39,547.50	36,040.00	3,507.50
				1,594.66	1,594.66	
DEFERRED CHARGES - MUNICIPAL (Total) .....						
Emergency Authorizations .....	16,873.60			16,873.60	16,873.60	
Delinquent 1950 Assessment Liens .....	16,513.60			16,513.60	16,513.60	
	360.00			360.00	360.00	
DEFERRED CHARGES - LOCAL SCHOOLS (Total) .....						
Deficit-Sinking Fund Earnings .....	129,973.50			129,973.50	129,973.50	
Deficiency in Basic Aid for Local School District .....	655.32			655.32	655.32	
Chap. 135, P.L. 46, Pension Fund for School Employees .....	122,874.18			122,874.18	122,874.18	
	6,444.00			6,444.00	6,444.00	
TOTAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS AT THIS POINT (Total) .....						
	2,131,227.66	9,300.00	11,590.00	2,140,527.66	2,047,832.98	92,694.68
MANDATORY TAXES (Total) .....						
Local District School Tax - School Budget .....	1,968,536.20			1,968,536.20	1,285,030.20	683,506.00
County Tax .....	1,441,504.00			1,441,504.00	757,998.00	683,506.00
	527,032.20			527,032.20	527,032.20	
TOTAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS .....						
	4,099,763.86	9,300.00	11,590.00	4,109,063.86	3,332,863.18	776,200.68



# STATEMENT OF TAXES RECEIVABLE FOR 1950

	Outstanding January 1st, 1950	Added and 1950 Levy	Remitted in 1950	TRANSFERRED TO Tax Title Foreclosed Liens	Net Balance Before Cash Payment	Collected in 1950	Outstanding December 31st, 1950	Over- pay- ments	Re- funds
1940 Personal Taxes	8.36				8.36		8.36		
1941 Personal Taxes	18.07				18.07	5.38	12.69		
1942 Personal Taxes	90.54				90.54	13.50	77.04		
1943 Personal Taxes	134.33				134.33	8.24	126.09		
1944 Personal Taxes	205.46				205.46	40.00	165.46		
1945 Personal Taxes	456.02				456.02	35.73	420.29		
1946 Personal Taxes	377.78	8.76			886.54	137.05	749.49		
1947 Personal Taxes	1,462.00				1,462.00	229.68	1,232.32		
1948 Personal Taxes	3,256.37	7.52			3,263.89	1,224.24	2,039.65		
1949 Real and Personal Taxes	189,166.03	10.52	547.35	278.10	188,351.10	178,363.62	9,987.48	66.61	58.33
Delinquent 2nd Class R.R. Tax	166.21				166.21	20.44	145.77		
	<b>195,841.17</b>	<b>26.80</b>	<b>547.35</b>	<b>278.10</b>	<b>195,042.52</b>	<b>180,077.88</b>	<b>14,964.64</b>	<b>66.61</b>	<b>58.33</b>
Tax Title Liens	5,607.05	2,506.52			8,113.57	37.39	8,076.18		
	<b>201,448.22</b>	<b>2,533.32</b>	<b>547.35</b>	<b>278.10</b>	<b>203,156.09</b>	<b>180,115.27</b>	<b>23,040.82</b>	<b>66.61</b>	<b>58.33</b>
1950 Real and Personal Taxes	3,598,781.05		16,578.43	1,027.31	3,581,175.31	3,389,065.94	192,109.37	2,201.93	2,039.25
1950 Bank Stock Tax	11,407.23				11,407.23	11,407.23			
	<b>3,610,188.28</b>		<b>16,578.43</b>	<b>1,027.31</b>	<b>3,592,582.54</b>	<b>3,400,473.17</b>	<b>192,109.37</b>	<b>2,201.93</b>	<b>2,039.25</b>
	<b>201,448.22</b>	<b>3,612,721.60</b>	<b>17,125.78</b>	<b>1,305.41</b>	<b>3,795,738.63</b>	<b>3,580,588.44</b>	<b>215,150.19</b>	<b>2,268.54</b>	<b>2,097.58</b>
1950 Franchise Taxes	154,715.75				154,715.75	154,715.75			
1950 Gross Receipts Taxes	70,333.38				70,333.38	70,333.38			
	<b>225,049.13</b>				<b>225,049.13</b>	<b>225,049.13</b>			

# **CAPITAL ACCOUNT COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET**

**EXHIBIT B**

	January 1st, 1950	as of December 31st, 1950
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash .....	8,516.50	200,304.56
U. S. Government Securities .....		700,000.00
Improvement Authorizations .....	1,509,610.19	1,079,051.46
Cost of Improvements in Progress .....	385,449.81	763,948.54
Estimated Proceeds of Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes Authorized but not issued .....	1,523,204.49	214,150.00
Deposit with Joint Sewer Commission .....	15,300.00	15,300.00
Deferred Charges to Future Taxation: Bonded .....	1,899,823.09	3,254,925.63
Not Bonded .....	6,595.46	55,000.00
Amount in Sinking Fund Commission .....	121,176.91	124,074.37
	<u>5,469,676.45</u>	<u>6,406,754.56</u>

<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Improvement Appropriation .....	1,509,610.19	1,079,051.46
Bond and Bond Anticipation Notes Authorized but not Issued .....	1,523,204.49	214,150.00
Term Bonds - Schools .....	182,000.00	179,000.00
Serial Bonds - Schools .....	489,000.00	1,822,000.00
Serial Bonds - General .....	1,350,000.00	1,378,000.00
Improvement Notes Payable .....	126,620.51	

<b>RESERVES</b>		
Deposit with Joint Sewer Commission .....	15,300.00	15,300.00
Down Payment and Capital Improvement Fund - Unpledged Pledged .....	21,477.46 120,795.00	81,814.55 92,850.00
Capital Surplus .....	7,228.80	8,588.55
Reserve for Improvements Funded from Public Works Re- serve and Bonds .....	124,440.00	1,536,000.00
	<u>5,469,676.45</u>	<u>6,406,754.56</u>

## **CAPITAL ACCOUNT STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**

<b>RECEIPTS</b>	
Cash Balance - January 1, 1950 .....	8,516.50
From:	
1950 Budget - Reserve for Down Payments and Capital Improvement Fund .....	155,895.51
U. S. Government Bonds Sold .....	500,000.00
Sinking Fund Commission .....	3,000.00
Capital Surplus .....	6,625.18
Sale of School and Municipal Bonds .....	1,567,000.00
From Trust Account - For Assessments Confirmed .....	48,970.55
Total Receipts .....	2,281,491.24
	<u>2,290,007.74</u>

<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>	
U. S. Government Securities Purchased .....	1,200,000.00
Improvement Costs .....	742,375.21
Retained Percentages .....	5,075.60
Improvement Notes Paid .....	126,620.51
School Term Bonds Paid .....	3,000.00
To Trust Reserve Account .....	5,403.26
To 1950 Budget Appropriation .....	7,228.60
Total Disbursements .....	2,089,703.18
Cash Balance - December 31, 1950 .....	200,304.56
	<u>2,290,007.74</u>

## **CASH ANALYSIS**

Down Payment and Capital Improvement Fund - Unpledged .....	81,814.55
Capital Surplus .....	8,588.55
Cost of Improvements in Progress .....	109,901.46
	<u>200,304.56</u>

# CAPITAL ACCOUNT STATEMENT OF IMPROVEMENT AUTHORIZATIONS

Ordinance No.	Purpose	Ordinance Appropriation	Balance January 1st, 1950	1950 Authorization	Disbursed	Cancelled	Balance December 31st, 1950
338	Improvement Coolidge & Sterling Streets	50,000.00	22,370.07		3,225.63	19,144.44	—
341	Improvement of Ironbound Avenue	16,000.00	6,987.28		1,142.40	5,844.88	—
342	Improvement of Hamilton Avenue & Bradford St.	14,000.00	5,380.97		2,616.64	2,764.33	—
343	Sanitary Sewer in Adam Circle	25,000.00		25,000.00	14,179.19		10,820.81
344	Sanitary Sewer in Field Avenue	4,000.00		4,000.00	2,944.65		1,055.35
345	Improvement of Huntington Avenue	9,000.00		9,000.00	6,456.63		2,543.37
	1949 Sidewalks	6,000.00	2,394.31		387.49	2,006.82	—
1057	Improvement Sewage Disposal Plant	34,000.00	10,679.49			10,679.49	—
1059	Improvement Off-Street Parking No. 1	125,000.00	16,177.43		3,617.63	12,559.80	—
1062	Reconstruction of Joint Sewage Disposal Plant	124,440.00	14,423.98		14,423.98		—
1064	Acquisition of Lands for Plainfield Avenue Playground	25,000.00	4,524.99		620.00	5,144.99	—
1065	Additional Appropriation - Reconstruction Joint Sewage Disposal Plant	6,120.00	6,105.07		6,105.07		—
1066	Additional Appropriation - City Garage & New Storage building	20,000.00	566.60		566.60		—
	Acquisition of Lands and Construction & Furnishing of Two New Schools	1,470,000.00	1,420,000.00		500,000.00		920,000.00
1067	Engineering Survey and Plans - South End Sanitary Relief Sewage System	50,000.00		50,000.00	13,691.71		36,308.29
1068	City Yard Improvements	58,000.00		58,000.00	37,207.08		20,792.92
1069	Purchase of Motor Equipment for Department of Public Works	12,500.00		12,500.00	10,758.10		1,741.90
1070	Construction Storm Sewer-Denmark Road	6,000.00		6,000.00	4,988.20		1,031.80
1071	Reconstruction Curbs and Sidewalks - Northwestern side West Front Street	4,000.00		4,000.00	2,903.44		1,096.56
1072	Off-Street Parking No. 2 - Acquisition of Lands	125,000.00		125,000.00	104,831.79		20,168.21
1073	Acquisition of Pumping Engine and Aerial Truck	42,000.00		42,000.00	15,331.94		26,668.06
1074	Improvement to Plainfield Avenue Playground Area	27,500.00		27,500.00	637.83		26,862.17
1075	Acquisition of Addressograph for Assessing Department	10,000.00		10,000.00	37.98		9,962.02
	School Bond Issue Expenses	4,000.00		4,000.00	2,036.83	1,963.17	—
			1,509,610.19	377,000.00	747,450.81	60,107.92	1,079,051.46

# DEBT SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR BONDS

\* All principal and interest due on January 1st is paid from Budget of preceding year on December 31st.

Title or Purpose of Issue	Total Amount Issued	Date of Issue	Amount Outstanding Dec. 31, 1950	Maturity of	Date of Maturity	Rate of Interest	1951 REQUIREMENTS				Total Interest Requirements	
							For Principal		For Interest			
							Numbers	Amount	1st Half	2nd Half		
<b>School Term Bonds</b>												
Darrow Avenue School .....	95,000.	July 1, 1908	79,000.	79,000.	July 1, 1958	4½			1,777.50	1,777.50*	3,555.00	
Jefferson School .....	45,000.	Nov. 1, 1909	13,000.	13,000.	Nov. 1, 1959	4			260.00	260.00	520.00	
Evergreen School .....	96,000.	Mar. 1, 1915	68,000.	3,000.	Mar. 1, 1951—54							
				1,000.	Mar. 1, 1955—56							
				4,000.	Mar. 1, 1957—61							
				9,000.	Mar. 1, 1962—64							
Emerson Ave. School .....	30,000.	June 1, 1916	19,000.	2,000.	Mar. 1, 1955—57	4½	25—27	3,000.	1,530.00	1,462.50	2,992.50	
				2,000.	June 1, 1960—61							
				4,000.	June 1, 1962—63							
				1,000.	June 1, 1965	4½			427.50	427.50	855.00	
<b>Total School Term Bonds</b>			<b>179,000.</b>					<b>3,000.</b>	<b>3,995.00</b>	<b>3,927.50</b>	<b>7,922.50</b>	
<b>School Serial Bonds — Article VI</b>												
High School — 3rd Issue	230,000.	Jan. 1, 1913	88,000.	9,000.	Jan. 1, 1952—60	4½	143—151	9,000.*	1,980.00	1,980.00*	3,960.00	
Jefferson School .....	270,000.	June 1, 1922	15,000.	7,000.	Jan. 1, 1951							
Evergreen School .....	113,000.	May 1, 1922	6,000.	5,000.	June 1, 1952	4½	256—265	10,000.	337.50	112.50	450.00	
				4,000.	May 1, 1951							
East 7th Street School .....	233,000.	July 1, 1924	78,000.	2,000.	May 1, 1952	4½	108—111	4,000.	135.00	45.00	180.00	
				7,000.	July 1, 1951—61							
				1,000.	July 1, 1962	4½	156—162	7,000.	1,755.00	1,597.50*	3,352.50	
Maxson School—Furnishings and Land												
High School Field .....	78,000.	June 1, 1925	30,000.	2,000.	June 1, 1951							
				3,000.	June 1, 1952—60							
West 8th Street School .....	430,000.	June 1, 1927	75,000.	1,000.	June 1, 1951—53	4½	49—50	2,000.	675.00	630.00	1,305.00	
School Leland & Farragut .....	275,000.	Dec. 1, 1938	131,000.	20,000.	June 1, 1951—53	4½	356—375	20,000.	1,593.75	1,168.75	2,762.50	
				15,000.	Dec. 1, 1951							
				16,000.	Dec. 1, 1952—57							
				11,000.	Dec. 1, 1958							
New Clinton School, Franklin School & Lands .....	1,399,000.	Feb. 1, 1950	1,399,000.	50,000.	Dec. 1, 1959	2.2	145—158	14,000.	1,441.00	1,441.00	2,882.00	
				75,000.	Feb. 1, 1951—54							
				74,000.	Feb. 1, 1955—69	1½	1—50	50,000.	10,492.50	10,117.50	20,610.00	
					Feb. 1, 1970							
<b>Total School Serial Bonds</b>	<b>1,822,000.</b>							<b>116,000.</b>	<b>18,409.75</b>	<b>17,092.25</b>	<b>35,502.00</b>	



### DEBT SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR BONDS

\* All principal and interest due on January 1st is paid from Budget of preceding year on December 31st.

Title or Purpose of Issue	Total Amount Issued	Date of Issue	Amount Outstanding Dec. 31, 1950	Amount of Maturity	Date of Maturity	Rate of Interest	1951 REQUIREMENTS				Total Interest Requirements
							For Principal		For Interest		
							Numbers	Amount	1st Half	2nd Half	
<b>General Serial Bonds —</b>											
<b>Municipal Debt</b>											
Joint Sewer — 6th Issue	216,000.	Dec. 1, 1919	30,000.	6,000.	Dec. 1, 1951	5	187—192	6,000.	750.00	750.00	1,500.00
Joint Sewer — 3rd Issue	145,000.	Apr. 1, 1914	11,000.	11,000.	Apr. 1, 1951	4½	240—250	11,000.	247.50	—	247.50
Joint Sewer — 4th Issue	36,000.	Apr. 1, 1914	36,000.	15,000.	Apr. 1, 1952	53					
				2,000.	Apr. 1, 1954						
				6,000.	Dec. 1, 1951	58	251—254	4,000.	900.00	800.00	1,700.00
				10,000.	Nov. 1, 1951	58	153—158	6,000.	1,200.00	1,200.00	2,400.00
				2,000.	Nov. 1, 1959	4½	219—228	10,000.	1,845.00	1,845.00	3,690.00
<b>City Hall</b>	200,000.	Dec. 1, 1919	48,000.	22,000.	June 1, 1951	55					
<b>Public Improvement</b>	300,000.	Nov. 1, 1924	82,000.	15,000.	June 1, 1956	61	435—456	22,000.	2,812.50	2,317.50	5,130.00
				25,000.	June 1, 1951	61					
				24,000.	June 1, 1962	57	421—445	25,000.	7,101.25	6,507.50	13,608.75
				25,000.	June 1, 1951	57	401—425	25,000.	4,252.50	3,690.00	7,942.50
				14,000.	June 1, 1958	4½					
				20,000.	Feb. 1, 1951	61	261—280	20,000.	5,581.25	5,106.25	10,687.50
				15,000.	Feb. 1, 1962	52					
				18,000.	Dec. 1, 1951	52	210—227	18,000.	1,716.00	1,716.00	3,432.00
				20,000.	Dec. 1, 1953	58					
				17,000.	Dec. 1, 1951	57	1	16,700.	2,922.50	2,922.50	5,845.00
				16,000.	Dec. 1, 1958	60					
<b>Drainage &amp; Sewer</b>	495,000.	Feb. 1, 1934	235,000.	20,000.							
				15,000.							
<b>Sewer</b>	365,000.	Dec. 1, 1938	156,000.	18,000.							
				20,000.							
<b>General and Public Improvement</b>	167,000.	Dec. 1, 1950	167,000.	16,000.							
<b>Total General Serial Bonds</b>			1,378,000.					163,700.	29,328.50	26,854.75	56,183.25

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# TRUST ACCOUNT COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

EXHIBIT C

	January 1st 1950	as of December 31st 1950
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash .....	61,876.56	43,296.78
Assessments Receivable .....	17,328.51	18,136.87
Deferred Charges .....	360.00	1,129.03
Investments—Compensation Insurance Fund .....	15,000.00	
	<u>94,565.07</u>	<u>62,562.68</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Assessment Cash Surplus .....	8,010.52	13,053.78
Miscellaneous Fund Accounts .....	42,971.91	1,360.35
Reserve for Compensation Insurance .....	24,923.15	24,898.55
Assessment Notes Payable .....	18,659.49	23,250.00
	<u>94,565.07</u>	<u>62,562.68</u>

## TRUST ACCOUNT STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Cash Balance, January 1, 1950 .....		61,876.56
Assessments Receivable .....	47,033.16	
1950 Budget Appropriation .....	360.00	
From Capital Account—Assessment Surplus .....	5,403.26	
Miscellaneous Fund Accounts .....	5,816.18	
Reserve for Compensation Insurance .....	7,790.75	
Investments—Compensation Insurance Fund .....	15,000.00	
Assessment Notes Issued .....	48,970.55	130,373.90
		<u>192,250.46</u>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
Payment to Capital Account for		
Assessments Confirmed .....	48,970.55	
To Current Account—Assessment Cash Surplus .....	360.00	
Miscellaneous Fund Accounts .....	47,427.74	
Reserve for Compensation Insurance Fund .....	7,815.35	
Assessment Notes Paid .....	44,380.04	148,953.68
Cash Balance—December 31, 1950 .....		43,296.78
		<u>192,250.46</u>

## STATEMENT OF WELFARE FUND

	Debit	EXHIBIT D Credit
Cash Balance—January 1, 1950 .....		7,854.10
Receipts:		
1950 City Appropriation .....		75,000.00
State of New Jersey .....		34,590.56
Other Municipalities and Refunds .....		7,545.05
Disbursements:		
1949 and 1950 Relief .....	97,797.30	
Cash Balance—December 31, 1950 .....	27,192.41	
	<u>124,989.71</u>	<u>124,989.71</u>

## STATEMENT OF DOG FUND

	Debit	EXHIBIT E Credit
Cash Balance—January 1, 1950 .....		4,122.14
Receipts:		
Dog Licenses .....		6,563.75
Redemption of Dogs .....		68.00
Refunds .....		26.00
Disbursements:		
Operating Expenses .....	5,991.54	
Anti-Rabies Clinic .....	725.03	
N. J. State Board of Health .....	718.75	
Cash Balance—December 31, 1950 .....	3,344.57	
	<u>10,779.89</u>	<u>10,779.89</u>

## STATEMENT OF HOUSING FUND

EXHIBIT F

	Debit	Credit
Cash Balance—January 1, 1950 .....		5,495.57
Receipts:		
Rentals etc. ....		9,377.02
Disbursements:		
Manager's Commission .....	480.00	
Paid to City of Plainfield for rental of land in lieu of taxes .....	2,400.00	
Share of Income:		
State of New Jersey .....	8,327.13	
City of Plainfield .....	377.05	
Other Expenses .....	440.52	
Cash Balance—December 31, 1950 .....	2,847.89	
	<u>14,872.59</u>	<u>14,872.59</u>

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